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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2753
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th MARCH, 2023

SPICE PARK AT NIZAMABAD

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Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to establish a Spice Park at Nizamabad for the growth of turmeric trade;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any measures are being taken for providing assistance to spice farmers in increasing production and ensuring remunerative prices to farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Currently, there is no proposal under consideration to establish a Spice Park at Nizamabad. Spices Board has a regional office at Nizamabad that has been upgraded to regional office cum extension centre to provide focused attention to the turmeric sector.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare provides financial assistance to spice farmers under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) with the objectives of increasing production and productivity and augmenting farmers' income. Major programmes under MIDH are plantation infrastructure development (production of planting materials and establishing nurseries), establishment of new garden (area expansion), promotion of micro irrigation, promotion of organic farming, Creation of Water Resources, Integrated Post-harvest management, Human Resource Development etc. These programmes are being implemented in respective State Horticulture Missions in almost all States.

Further, Spices Board under its "Integrated Scheme for Export Promotion & Quality Improvement in Spices and Research & Development of Cardamom", provides support to farmers of cardamom (large & small). In order to facilitate remunerative prices of spice crops including cardamom, Spices Board organizes Buyer Seller meets in various part of country, to establish direct market linkage between farmers and exporters/processors. In addition to this, Spices Board has introduced cloud based e-auction system for cardamom for transparency and better price discovery.
