

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4847  
ANSWERED ON 01/04/2025

**SPICED SCHEME**

4847. SHRI MANI A:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of assistance provided to farmers in Tamil Nadu especially Dharmapuri constituency under the Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development (SPICED) scheme;
- (b) the number of spice farmers and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in Tamil Nadu that have benefited from the scheme so far;
- (c) the specific interventions undertaken to enhance the quality, productivity and export potential of spices in the State; and
- (d) whether any financial, technical, or infrastructure support has been extended to spice farmers in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

**(a) to (d)** Under the scheme “Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development (SPICED)”, Spices Board undertakes various programs and activities for development of small and large cardamom sector, post-harvest improvement and export promotion of spices across the country, including in Tamil Nadu. Under this scheme, in the year 2024-25, Spices Board has provided assistance to 939 farmers in Tamil Nadu which include members of 4 FPOs. In Dharmapuri, Spices Board has provided assistance to 201 farmers which include members of 1 FPO. The total expenditure incurred by Spices Board for the above programs and activities in Tamil Nadu in 2024-25 was Rs. 1.16 Cr.

Government of India implements the Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)” to improve the production and productivity of horticulture crops including spices. The key components of this scheme are area expansion (establishment of new garden), production and distribution of quality planting materials, integrated pest and disease management / integrated nutrient management, organic farming, mechanization, integrated post-harvest management, human resource development etc. These programmes are mainly implemented in various states through the respective State Horticulture Missions.

Apart from the above programmes, the Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development (DASD) directly implements the following development programmes for spices, in Tamil Nadu through the Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Coimbatore for the benefit of farmers.

- • Quality planting material production of spices
- • Establishment of seed storage and processing infrastructure
- • Establishment of nursery structures
- • Promotion of GI variety of Mundu chilli
- • Establishment of Front Line Demonstration of spices
- • Establishment of Front Line Demonstration for organic farming in Ginger
- • Seminars / Workshops/ Farmers Training.

The Directorate has implemented the MIDH programmes with a financial outlay of Rs.96.875 lakhs in Tamil Nadu during 2024-25.

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