

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3490  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2015

PROMOTION OF SPICES

**3490(H). SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:**

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

- a) whether the producers of various spices including Psyllum husk and cumin have proposed for seeking help of any international agency for their promotion and representation;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether any efforts are being made to find out the ways to bring the products of the said producers directly to the market; and
- d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b): No such proposal has been received.

(c) & (d): Spice Parks have been established in major spice production/market centers in the country for the benefit of all stakeholders, especially the farming community with an objective of providing common infrastructure/processing facilities for cleaning, grading, sorting, grinding, packing and storage etc. The Spices Board develops the common infrastructure facilities in the park and leases out available land to registered spices exporters to set up their processing units. Such facilities provide a direct link to exporters and traders with the farmers and help in ensuring an uninterrupted supply of raw material.

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