

Setting up of spice development agencies

*172. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to set up spice development agencies to give a push to spices exports, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government will consider setting up such agencies in Andhra Pradesh or Telangana since both States produce a variety of spices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) Government of India has recently notified eleven Spice Development Agencies (SDA) in major spice growing States/Region of the country. Details of the SDAs are given in the Statement (*See* below). The Spice Board has taken action in consultation with the respective State Governments and other stakeholders for formation of the Agencies. SDAs have the mandate to formulate programmes for addressing issues related to production, quality, domestic marketing and export of spices in the region.

(b) Government has issued notification for setting up of a Guntur Spice Development Agency in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh for the overall development of spices in Andhra Pradesh and other spice growing areas in the surrounding region.

*Statement**Details of Spice Development Agencies (SDAs)*

Sl. No.	State	Location	Name of the Agency	Spices	Regions/States covered
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Guntur SDA	Chilli, Turmeric, Tamarind, Pepper, Curry Leaf	Andhra Pradesh and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board
2.	Tamil Nadu	Erode	Erode SDA	Turmeric, Chilli, Pepper, small cardamom, Curry Leaf, Tamarind, Herbal Spices, Clove, Nutmeg, Coriander	Tamil Nadu and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board
3.	Karnataka	Haveri	Haveri SDA	Pepper, Chilli, Cardamom, Ginger, Turmeric, Kokam, Coriander	Karnataka and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board
4.	Maharashtra	Mumbai	Mumbai SDA	Turmeric, Chilli,	Kokam Maharashtra and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board
5.	Gujarat	Unjha	Unjha SDA	Cumin, Fennel, Coriander, Fenugreek, Chilli, Garlic, Ajowan, Dillseed	Gujarat and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board

6.	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	Jodhpur SDA	Coriander, Fenugreek, Fennel, Cumin	Rajasthan and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board
7.	Uttar Pradesh	Barabanki	Uttar Pradesh SDA	Mint	Uttar Pradesh and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board
8.	Madhya Pradesh	Guna	Guna SDA	Garlic, Coriander	Madhya Pradesh and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board
9.	Assam	Guwahati	Guwahati SDA	Ginger, Pepper, Turmeric, Chillies, Large Cardamom, Tejpat	Assam and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board
10.	Sikkim	Gangtok	Gangtok SDA	Large Cardamom, Ginger, Chillies, Turmeric	Sikkim and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	Srinagar	SPEDA	Saffron	State of Jammu and Kashmir

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