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Spices Board

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Why is in news? Spices Board establishes eight crop specific Spices Parks across the country

Spices Board has established eight crop specific Spices Parks across the country, the Ministry of State for Commerce and Industry, said in reply to a parliamentary.

The objective of the spices park is to **set up common processing and value addition facilities** including cleaning, sorting, grading, grinding, oil extraction and packaging of spices for use by the local farmers, traders, exporters and other stakeholders.

In addition, plots have also been allotted in the Spices Parks at Guna, Jodhpur, Ramganjmandi, Guntur, Raebareli and Sivaganga to the exporters, traders and farmer producer organization for establishment of their own spices processing units.

The spices parks are providing large number of job opportunities, both direct and indirect.

The details of the spice parks are:

Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh - Garlic and Chilli

Guna, Madhya Pradesh - Coriander

Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - Chillies

Jodhpur, Rajasthan - Cumin

Ramganjmandi, Rajasthan - Coriander

Puttady, Kerala - Cardamom and Pepper

Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh - Mint

Sivaganga, Tamil Nadu - Chillies and Turmeric

Spices Board:

Spices Board is the **flagship organization** for the development and worldwide promotion of Indian spices.

Spices Board was constituted on **26th February 1987** under the **Spices Board Act 1986** with the merger of the erstwhile Cardamom Board (1968) and Spices Export Promotion Council (1960).

Spices Board is one of the five Commodity Boards functioning under the **Ministry of Commerce & Industry**.

It is an **autonomous body responsible for the export promotion** of the 52 scheduled spices and development of Cardamom (Small & Large).

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The Board is an international link between the Indian exporters and the importers abroad.

The Board has been spearheading activities for excellence of Indian spices, involving every segment of the industry.

The Board has made quality and hygiene the corner stones for its development and promotional strategies.

Main Functions:

Research, Development and Regulation of domestic marketing of Small & Large Cardamom

Post-harvest improvement of all spices

Promotion of organic production, processing and certification of spices

Development of spices in the North East

Provision of quality evaluation services

Export promotion of all spices through support for:- Technology upgradation, Quality upgradation, Brand promotion, Research & product development