

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPICE PARK

I. Introduction:

- Turmeric is a major spice crop of Telangana state grown in area of 0.56 Lakh Ha, with a production of 3.05 lakh MTs and stands 1st in Turmeric cultivation in the country.
- It is grown in Jagityal, Mahaboobabad, Nizamabad, Nirmal, Vikarabad, Sangareddy districts of the state and is quite popular commercial crop grown in this region.

II. Objectives of establishment of Spice park:

- The fluctuation in prices of Turmeric is being observed once in 3 to 4 years which is discouraging the Turmeric growers.
- The fact that value added products can be exported from Nizamabad will soon be proved with the Establishment of Spices Park.

III. Basis for selecting Nizamabad District for Spice park:

- Nizamabad is one of the major spices grown in India. The rational for sitting up Spice park is as follows:
- Availability of huge quantity of surplus Turmeric in the vicinities.
- Nizamabad is the hub of Turmeric trade in the region.
- About 40% to 50% of Turmeric produced in impact zone comes to APMC, Nizamabad.
- Availability of skilled man power for the primary processing of the spice.
- Increasing area, production and productivity of the spices in adjoining districts like Jagityal, Nirmal, Mahaboobabad, Vikarabad and Sangareddy.

- In accordance with the assurance given by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 17.08.2014 during the ZP General Body meeting the following steps were taken up establish the spice park in Nizamabad District.
- A feasibility study was conducted by Sri. Pradeep Kumar under Sect. Ministry of Commerce GoI recommended the establishment of Spice Park.
- The Government of Telangana swung into action immediately by selecting a land to an extent of 40.23 acres in Padgal (V) of Vaipoor (M) and issued G.O.Rt.No:143, Dt:18.03.2015 permitting District Collector, Nizamabad for outright purchase of the land and released an amount of Rs. 5.00 Crores for the purpose.
- Accordingly the District Collector, Nizamabad has purchased the land required and handed over to Department of Horticulture, Nizamabad.
- The acquired land has handed over to Deputy Director, Spice Board, Warangal for further development of the facilities.
- The Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Allied sector, T.S, requested Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Hon'ble Minister of State independent charge for commerce Government of India to provide sufficient funds for establishment of Spice Park in Nizamabad District through a D.O Letter
- In response the Hon'ble Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has informed that the resources available with the Ministry for "Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure (ASIDE)" have now been transferred to States as part of increased devolution under 14th Finance Commission Award, the State Government may like to earmark resource for constructing the park. Spices Board will extend the required technical support in execution of the project.
- The Chairman Spice Board, Cochin has forwarded a Detailed Project Report (DPR) on spice park and estimated an amount of Rs. 30.81 Crores is required for creating the infrastructure required for Spice park as detailed below:

Sl. No	Description	Amount (Rs. In Lakhs)	2016-17	2017-18
1	Land	--	--	--
2	Land & Infrastructure Development	1996.75	1000.00	996.75
3	Buildings	583.96	500.00	83.96
4	Equipment	260.00	--	260.00
5	Utilities & other fixed assets	134.82	--	134.82
6	Preliminary & Pre-operative Expenses	36.00	--	36.00
7	Contingencies	59.51	--	59.51
8	Margin Money for working capital	10.61	-	10.61
	Total project cost	3081.65	1500.00	1581.65

- The Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Allied sector, T.S while reviewing the progress on 10.10.2015 issued instructions to take back the land from Spice board for onward handing over to TSIIC.
- Accordingly the land has been taken back from the DD Spice Board, Warangal on 12.02.2016.
- The land has been handed over to TSIIC on dated 20.05.2016 for establishment of Spice Park.

IV **Status of the establishment of Spice park:**

- Construction of compound wall around the proposed site is commenced by TSIIC
- The project cost proposed by the Spice board in the DPR i.e. Rs.30.81 Crores, an amount of Rs.15.00 Crores is earmarked in the Budget estimates of 2016-17 as 1st spell and balance of Rs.15.81 Crores in the year 2017-18 as 2nd spell.
- Sri V. Prashanth Reddy, M.L.A. Vice Chairman, Mission Bhagiradha, Govt. of Telangana has addressed a D.O letter to the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture & Allied Sectors, Govt. of Telangana Hyd. to issue instructions to the Commissioner of Horticulture, Telangana, Hyd. for release of left over amount available with the Department of Horticulture, T.S. Hyd., after purchase of land for Establishment of Spice park at Padgal(V), Vailpoor(M) of Nizamabad District to TSIIC Ltd., Hyderabad for execution of works as per the Detailed Project Report(DPR).

- The District Collector, Nizamabad has refunded the left-over balance amount of Rs.2,52,96,045/- to the Horticulture Department after purchase of land of Acres 39.38 gts for establishment of spice park at Nizamabad.
- The Horticulture Department has released the left over balance amount of Rs.2,52,96,045/- to TSIIC, Hyderabad for executing the works related to creation of infrastructure of spice park as per DPR and as per the note orders of the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture & Allied Sectors, Govt. of Telangana, Hyderabad.
- An amount of Rs.2,00,00,000/- was released during 2017-18 to VC&MD, TSIIC Ltd, Hyd from the budget released during 2017-18.
- Thus a total amount of Rs. 4,52,96,045/- was released to the VC&MD, TSIIC Ltd., Hyd (Nodal agency) towards execution of infrastructure works for Establishment of Spice Park at Padgal (V), Vailpoor (M) of Nizamabad District.
- Government have sanctioned released an amount of Rs.227.50 Lakhs for establishment of Spice park during 2018-19 and the DH&SO Nizamabad was authorized drawl of funds on production of bills from TSIIC Ltd., Hyderabad.

Present Status report on progress of work:

- The TSIIC has informed that a total length of 2000 meters of compound wall has to be constructed for Spice Park.
- So far, 1565 meters of compound wall is completed.
- 387 meters Grills cum and 2 gates with colors completed
- An amount of Rs.90.00 Lakhs was incurred so far for the above works.
- For construction of roads, tenders will be called shortly by TSIIC Ltd., Hyd.