

Meghalaya, Assam to get spices parks



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Assam and Meghalaya are set to get Spices Parks to promote value addition and help farmers by reducing their dependence on middlemen. According to information, feasibility study for the park in Meghalaya is under the process of preparation by the IIM-Shillong for which the report is awaiting. The Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry will provide funding for the proposed Spices' Park. The Spices park will act as a common centre where farmers bring in their produces in bulks. Assam on the other hand, produces Bhut Jhalokia and mustard besides ginger and turmeric and is considered the gate to the North East. The region has also exported 37,38,597 MT tonne of spices, mainly fresh ginger and fresh turmeric, to neighbouring countries -- Bangladesh and Myanmar-- in the recent past, could further its export after the value addition is done and the quality is improved.

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