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CM attends a meeting with Spices Board; discusses prospects and potential of spice production in Assam

State to host exporters' conclave

Dispur, September 27: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today held a meeting with the Species Board India to discuss and enhance the scope, prospects and potentials of species sector of the state.

The meeting held at State Guest House 1 in Koinadhora here today, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma took an area specific view of the cultivation of spices in the state. Considering the potential of high value spices like ginger and its varieties, chillies and their varieties, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma asked the Agriculture Department to align with the Spices Board, use its expertise for large scale commercial utilization of these items. He also stressed on their processing by retaining their unique values.

On the need for a quality laboratory, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that Assam government will allot land for the laboratory in Guwahati which will exclusively dedicate itself for high quality testing of spices. The meeting also discussed on the need for infrastructural and entrepreneurship development for spices sector in the state. Dr. Sarma also asked Agriculture, Horticulture etc. Minister Atul Bora to create modalities to work with Spices Board for the promotion of the sector in the state. Both Agriculture Department and Spices Board will extensively work on convergence including enhancing value chain for the development of spices sector.

Considering 116 existing exporters of spices of the state, Government of Assam will organise a State Conclave for potential exporters in Guwahati.

Agriculture, Horticulture etc Minister Atul Bora, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha, Secretary Agriculture Vinod Seshan, functionaries from Spices Board were present at the meeting.

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