## SPICE DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES (SDAs)

Government of India, vide Notification No.5/7/2014-EP(Agri.V)/Plant D dated 5th June 2015, has constituted ten Spice Development Agencies (SDAs) in major spice growing States/Region in the country under the control of Spices Board for overall development of spices in the region. The major objective of the SDAs is to have convergence and synergy of activities by different State/ Central agencies for the overall development of spices in the respective regions. In addition to this, Government of India, vide notification No. Admin-I/Estt/SPEDA/2014 dated 17th March 2015, has constituted an exclusive agency under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry viz. Saffron Production and Export Development Agency (SPEDA) with the mandate to plan and support specific programmes for development and promotion of export of quality saffron from the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

## **Saffron Production and Export Development Agency (SPEDA)**

Government of India has notified the formation of an exclusive Committee to be known as 'Saffron Production and Export Development Agency (SPEDA) for the overall development of the Saffron industry in the state of Jammu & Kashmir. The Agency will be Head Quartered in Srinagar with Commerce Secretary, Govt. of India and Chief Secretary of J&K as Co-Chairman. The Agency shall consist of members representing the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, State Govt. of J&K, Ministry of Agriculture, Spices Board, ICAR, other related Central / State organisations and various stake holders of the Industry viz. growers, traders and exporters of Saffron. SPEDA will assist and encourage creation of appropriate infrastructure for processing, packing, warehousing, research and also establish quality evaluation laboratory for Saffron. SPEDA shall act as a subordinate agency under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in the Central Government and function under overall authority, supervision and control of Spices Board.

## **Spice Development Agency (SDA)**

Government of India has notified the formation of 10 Spice Development Agencies (SDAs) in the major spice growing regions in the country for the overall development of spices in the region. The agencies will be chaired by the Chief Secretary of the concerned State Government and consist of members from Ministry of Commerce & Industry, the State / Central Agriculture / Horticulture Ministry, other related Central / State organisations, Agri. University, Member of Spices Board from the region and various stake holders of the Industry viz. growers, traders and exporters of spices in the region. The Agency will identify the issues and formulate programmes relating to production, quality improvement, promotion, domestic marketing and export of spices in the region. The identified programmes will be implemented by the Regional Office of the Board attached to the SDAs in coordination with the State Government and other stakeholders subject to the approval of the Board. The SDAs will function under overall authority, supervision and control of Spices Board.

The details of the State, Location, Name of Agency, Spices, Regions/States covered are given below:

SI 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 & Kashmir	Srinagar	Saffron Production and Export Development Agency (SPEDA)	Saffron	Jammu & Kashmir

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