

## **Proposal for setting up Sugandhawadi (Spice Garden) in Educational Institutions**

### **Objective**

The “Sugandhawadi” concept entails establishment of spices gardens in schools, colleges and other educational institutions. The objective of the concept-Sugandhawadi is to keep alive the interest of the younger generation in spices, who is seemingly keeping away from farming. This is to showcase the immense resource base in spices of the country to the future generations. Spices Board will collaborate with the educational institutions to set up the Sugandhawadi, which will be run, managed and maintained by the schools/institutions. The Spice Garden will serve as a resource base for the institution in providing academic learning, besides educating the students and public on the very essence of spices.

### **Mode of operation**

Sugandhawadies are proposed to be set up in select schools and colleges in various states of the country as many of the spices are grown in different regions of the country. As a pilot project, the gardens will be set up in schools/colleges/educational institutions of Ernakulam district, Kerala.

Spices Board would provide quality planting materials/ saplings of major spices. Initially a minimum of three saplings per spice would be provided.

Spices Board will provide necessary technical guidance on planting and prescribe good agricultural practises for the plants. The Board will also provide the scientific nomenclature and details of the spices.

Spices Board will provide a financial assistance of Rs. 1 lakh towards expenses for setting up the Sugandhawadi. The amount will be released to the selected institutions as two instalments of Rs. 50,000/- each, first instalment on

awarding the project and second instalment after a period of 30 days from the inauguration of the Sugandhawadi. All other expenses in connection with the Sugandhawadi shall be borne by the institution.

Schools/ colleges/ other educational institutions with a minimum strength of 200 students will be considered for setting up of the Sugandhawadi. The Board, at its sole discretion, will select the schools for setting up the Sugandhawadi.

The institution shall express to Spices Board, their interest (in the format placed as Annex 1) for setting up the Sugandhawadi, besides identifying an appropriate space, within its premises, to set up the garden. The EOI shall be addressed to Nithin Joe, Assistant Director (Mktg), Spices Board, Sugandha Bhawan, N H Bye pass, Palarivattom P.O, Kochi- 682025 and shall reach the address latest by 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. Any queries, in this regard may be addressed to [sb.nithinjoe@gmail.com](mailto:sb.nithinjoe@gmail.com)

The institution shall label each spice plant, manage and maintain the garden.

Spices Board will review the status of establishment of the Sugandhawadi, after three months of establishment and the Board will arrange for replenishment of the planting materials, if found necessary. Besides, the Board along with the institution will undertake periodic reviews of the Sugandhawadi.

The institution shall encourage the students to acquaint themselves with the spices. Besides, the students may be motivated to come out with artistic works related to spices, which will be considered for publication in the Board's journals.

The selected institutions shall enter into a MoU with Spices Board regarding setting up and maintaining the Sugandhawadi.

**Anticipated Outcome**

Sugandhawadies will help in the conservation of traditional varieties of spices besides leaving the legacy of spices without any interruption or dilution. The project will expose the next generation to agriculture and inturn to the wonders of nature. Sugandhawadi will generate a set of interested students who will be given the opportunity to grow and manage spice plants. This will inculcate a mental orientation towards the farming sector. As the society at large is flooded with artificial food flavours and ingredients, it is important that spices need to be promoted as it is the important natural food ingredient that could sustain human life.

### **Annex 1- Expression of Interest for setting up Sugandhawadi**

<b>Name of the Institution</b>	
<b>District</b>	<b>Ernakulam</b>
<b>Address with contact details</b>	
<b>Name and details of the Contact Person</b>	

#### **Brief profile of the Institution**

#### **Declaration:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (*name of the institution*) is interested to set up the Sugandhawadi (Spice Garden) as per the terms and conditions prescribed by Spices Board.

Name of the Principal/ Head of the Institution:

Signature:

Date: