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(The Grandeur of Export Agriculture)

## National Spice Crop Development and Allied Industries Promotion Investment Support Scheme – 2025

The Department of Export Agriculture, the modern custodian of Sri Lanka's centuries-old spice heritage, continues to lead the way in enhancing the country's global presence in the spice industry.

In 2024 alone, the sector achieved remarkable success by exporting 44,262 metric tons of spices, generating foreign exchange earnings of LKR 89.2 billion. This achievement stems from over 200,000 acres of cultivated spice lands, and supports approximately 700,000 farm families directly and 100,000s of businessmen.

With a vision to further uplift the industry, ambitious targets have been set for 2030—a 30% increase in production and a 80% boost in export earnings. To realize this goal, the Investment Support Scheme – 2025 is being launched as part of the government's flagship "The Grandeur of Export Agriculture" national development initiative. This program aims to strengthen and expand opportunities for local spice growers and allied industries across the country.

**Are you ready to become a successful agri-entrepreneur in Sri Lanka's thriving spice export industry?**

Now is the time to invest in a future that not only supports local agriculture but also earns valuable foreign exchange for the nation.  
**This is a special call to those who interested in intrinsic value of Sri Lankan Spice**

Through this program, you can receive:

- \* Technological expertise and knowledge transfer
- \* Investment grants and structured guidance for Export Agriculture crop and related industry development
- \* Trade facilitation and coordination support
- \* Provision of plants and planting materials free of charge

***Increase your harvest, earn higher prices, and secure long-term income. Become a locally rooted entrepreneur, enrich life with foreign exchange, and support national***



Crops Covered:

**pepper | Nutmeg | Clove | Cardamom | Coffee | Cocoa | Vanilla | Betel | Areca nut | Citronella | Lemon Grass | Turmeric | Ginger | Garcinia**

This program includes above Export Agriculture Crops and their allied industries.

### New Cultivation Development Program

#### 01. New Cultivation Development Program

Under this program, mono crops intercropping in tea, coconut and rubber plantations, whether on government or private sector lands, or public/semi-public sector lands, as well as the promotion of export agricultural crops using special technical methods, are included.

For this program, planting materials and technical guidance are provided free of charge for lands ranging from 0.05 hectares up to a maximum of 20 hectares.

#### 02. Home Gardening and Other Initiatives (Small scale gardens)

Free planting materials are provided for special purposes such as small-scale gardens, institutional premisses, and exhibitions organized by government institutions.

#### 03. Promotion of Turmeric and Ginger Cultivation

Investment assistance is available for lands of 20 perches or up to 01 ha. taking into account the quantity of seeds planted.

#### 04. Developing of Private Nurseries

Supporting to the development of existing nurseries, and investment in micro-irrigation systems, Net houses and shading repair.

#### 05. Promoting the Productivity of Existing Crops

This program offers investment support for measures such as:

- Provision of planting materials for replanting
- Pest and disease control
- Installation of irrigation systems
- Electric fencing, and more

It is applicable to crops including pepper, cocoa, coffee, Cardamom, nutmeg, and cloves.

- \* Up to 50% of planting materials are provided free of charge.
- \* Additional investment support is available for plant maintenance, subject to maximum 04 ha
- \* For plantation companies, only up to 20 ha free plants are provided.

#### 06. Areca Nut Cultivation Development Program

For new cultivation, intercropping, along sides of streams and dams, soil conservation programs, and cultivation initiatives implemented by farmers' organizations or government institutions, the required quantity of Areca nut plants will be provided free of charge.

### Quality Harvest Processing and Appropriate Technology Promotion Programme

Under this program, investment support is provided for the purchase of pre-harvest and post-harvest technology equipment and machinery for export agricultural crops, as well as for the construction of processing centers, establishment of oil extraction units, and related facilities.

#### 1. Harvesting Machinery and Equipment

Pre-Harvest Processing Technology Equipment/Machinery – Includes machinery and equipment used for cultivation, crop maintenance, harvesting, and other related operations.

Post-Harvest Technology Equipment/Machinery – Includes machinery and equipment required after harvesting to prepare high-quality products and ensure they meet market standards.

#### 2. Spice Processing Centers and Storage Facilities Support is provided for:

Establishing micro small and medium scale processing centers, extension and upgrading of buildings, Development of central processing facilities Installation of central warehousing facilities

#### 03. Obtaining Standards and Quality Assurance

3. Obtaining Standards and Quality Assurance Investment support is available to obtain standards and quality certifications for Export Agriculture Crops, products, and production systems, including GAP, GMP, ISO 22000, FSSC 22000, HACCP, BRCGS, and SLS.

### Other Advisory and Agricultural Extension Services

Agricultural land inspection, soil testing, crop management, certification of product standardization, market coordination, technical advice on machinery, value-added product development, and the provision of technical knowledge through electronic and print media, the internet, as well as technical training for stakeholders.

**Note:** These investment assistance methods and amounts may be revised based on annual allocations and current government policies.  
Also, Export Agriculture Development Program will be subject to the conditions covered by the circulars issued by the Department of Export Agriculture.

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