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Dr. A. Jayathilak, Chairman, Spices Board of India, who is also Chairman, Rubber Board of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma at Raj Bhawan, Itanagar on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2014. They discussed on various programmes taken up in the State under the Spices and Rubber Boards of India.

The Governor emphasized for more schemes and programmes under Spices Board of India and Rubber Board of India to strengthening the rural economy of the State. He said that it will be a god opening and opportunity for the people, while highlighting the scope for spice cultivation in different parts of the State especially the high altitude region and Rubber in the lower belt.

The Governor said that special endeavour in these sectors will help in arresting Jhum cultivating amongst the rural communities, which in turn will facilitates in maintaining the forest cover. He also said that it will help in providing stable source of livelihood for the rural people.

The Governor suggested for setting up of more offices of the boards in the State and private sector participation in the programmes.

The Governor pointed that as the State is in developmental phase, the Spices Board have to impart better and technical production methods and guide the entrepreneurs and farmers on getting higher and better quality yields through scientific agricultural practices. It should also recommend improved processing practices, foolproof quality management systems, improved grading methods and effective packaging techniques so that the people benefits from their enterprises. He also suggested for same approach by the Rubber Board also.

The Governor asked Dr. Jayathilak to explore ways and means to facilitate its commercial enterprises, especially providing easy access of farmers to market and good price for the produce.

Shri Shurbir Singh, Secretary to Governor and Dr. H. Mai, OSD to CM, Arunachal Pradesh, who is a member of Spices Board of India were also present in the meeting.

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