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## MESSAGE

The R&D efforts undertaken by North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi) on promotion of Medicinal and Aromatic Plant (MAP) in the region and more particularly in the state deserve appreciation. There is no alternative but to take up organized cultivation for the development of MAP sector and commercialization of it. It is impossible to make any sustainable business or industry based on wild collection only. The state or its people cannot derive any benefit out of it.

As crops MAPs are not new to our people but to sustain in the competitive market we must be able to undertake commercial cultivation to produce quality product in bulk at reasonable cost. Moreover, since these crops are capital-intensive, profitable activities can only be possible by using modern techniques. I am happy to note that NEDFi has covered this aspect also along with its promotional activities.

MAP sector is being considered as an important component of the State's economy. As such, the Government is keen in its development and promotion in the state. Efforts taken under the leadership of Agri. Advisor Dr. Tapan Dutta to prioritize some selected crops and development of location specific package of practices involving stakeholders and publishing them as Hand Book for the first time to benefit the farmers and field functionaries is really an exemplary step. I congratulate them for taking initiative in this regard. At the same time I wish to thank specially NEDFi management and its present Chairman and Managing Director Shri Kashi Nath Hazarika for their all round assistance in achieving the goal. Dr. M. Ahmed and his team also deserve thanks for their Mission Mode spirit to bring all success in this sector.

I hope this Hand Book on Medicinal & Aromatic Plants (Package of Practices) will serve a long felt necessity of our farmers and stakeholders. I wish the joint initiative would act as a turning point in developing the MAP sector in the state.

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HAND BOOK ON MEDICINAL & AROMATIC PLANTS

