

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *13
ANSWERED ON 02/02/2024

TURMERIC BOARD IN TELANGANA

*13. SHRI B. PARTHASARADHI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE & INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to setup a Turmeric Board in Telangana to help and promote the largest producing turmeric industry in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures being taken for the promotion of export of turmeric produced in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *13 FOR ANSWER ON 02ND FEBRUARY, 2024 REGARDING “TURMERIC BOARD IN TELANGANA”

(a) & (b): Recognizing that India is the largest producer, consumer and exporter of turmeric in the world, Government has notified the establishment of ‘National Turmeric Board’ vide notification dated 04.10.2023. Paragraph 2 of the said notification lays down the objectives of the National Turmeric Board which are aimed at promotion and development of the turmeric sector in the country, including in Telangana.

(c): The Export Development and Promotion (EDP) component of Spices Board’s scheme namely ‘Integrated Scheme for Export Promotion & Quality Improvement in Spices and Research & Development of Cardamom’ aims at promotion of spices including turmeric in international markets. Under this component, Spices Board provides support to exporters for infrastructure development, value addition and trade promotion.

In addition to this, various other steps have been taken by Spices Board to support turmeric industry such as establishment of spices parks for processing, value addition and storage of spices (including turmeric), organization of training programs for stakeholders of turmeric aimed at quality improvement and entrepreneurship development; quality evaluation of export consignments of turmeric through quality evaluation laboratories to ensure compliance with quality specifications of importing countries and organization of Buyer Seller Meets (domestic and international) to establish direct market linkage between farmers/farmer groups, exporters/processors & international buyers.

The Board also provides assistance to registered exporters/ R&D institutions for conducting research on spices including turmeric for scientific validation of nutritional / nutraceutical / cosmetic / medicinal & intrinsic properties and development of new applications.
