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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1932
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12/03/2021

SETTING UP OF TURMERIC BOARD IN TELANGANA

1932. Shri K.R.Suresh Reddy:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Turmeric is one of the most important crops in the country;
- (b) the regions where Turmeric is grown and the steps taken to ensure remunerative price for turmeric crop;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to set up Turmeric Board in the State of Telangana, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any proposals have been received in this regard so far, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a & b): Yes. Turmeric is one of the important spice crops in the country with a production of 11.53 lakh tonnes, which accounts for 78% of total turmeric production in the world.

Turmeric is predominantly grown in the states of Telangana, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Orissa, Mizoram, Assam, Gujarat, Sikkim, Kerala, Manipur, Punjab, Haryana, Meghalaya etc. The statewise area and production of Turmeric in the country is given at annexure-I.

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India implements several development programmes for turmeric through State Departments under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) with the assistance for development of infrastructure for post-harvest management and marketing of horticulture produce at farm/market level to enable farmers to get remunerative prices to turmeric crop. National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) scheme is also implemented to lower the transaction costs to buyers and stable prices.

(c & d): There is no proposal to set up a Turmeric Board in the State of Telangana. However, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India had established a Regional Office cum Extension Centre of the Spices Board at Nizamabad to implement export promotion activities in the region and to co-ordinate with the State Government on production related issues. The Board is having offices at Warangal, Hyderabad, Nizamabad and Khammam in the State of Telangana for export promotion of spices including turmeric.

Statewise area, production and productivity of turmeric in India 2019-20.

State	Area ('000 ha)	Production* ('000 tonnes)	Productivity (kg/ha)
Telangana	55.444	386.596	6,973
Maharashtra	54.248	218.873	4,035
Karnataka	20.740	132.668	6,397
Andhra Pradesh	29.717	71.321	2,400
Tamil Nadu	18.101	70.629	3,902
Madhya Pradesh	16.272	57.067	3,507
West Bengal	17.812	45.648	2,563
Orissa	27.869	43.615	1,565
Mizoram	7.653	29.510	3,856
Assam	17.629	22.829	1,295
Gujarat	4.570	18.181	3,978
Sikkim	5.178	16.037	3,097
Kerala	2.277	6.653	2,922
Manipur	2.489	6.053	2,432
Haryana	1.753	4.061	2,316
Punjab	0.952	3.469	3,644
Meghalaya	2.277	3.490	1,533
Arunachal Pradesh	0.521	2.977	5,718
Uttarakhand	1.769	2.950	1,667
Bihar	2.834	2.889	1,019
Tripura	1.680	2.046	1,218
Uttar Pradesh	1.420	1.913	1,347
Nagaland	0.652	1.834	2,813
Chhattisgarh	1.443	1.157	802
Rajasthan	0.179	0.222	1,240
Andaman & Nicobar	0.071	0.204	2,871
Himachal Pradesh	0.285	0.197	691
Pondicherry	0.011	0.033	3,000
Jammu & Kashmir	0.004	0.004	1,000
Total	295.850	1153.126	3,898

**Production in terms of dry (processed)*
