

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

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ANSWERED ON 04/04/2025

R&D IN TURMERIC TO ASSESS CURCUMIN LEVELS

3882. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Turmeric Board has been set up, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Board will promote research and development of new turmeric products, value addition of turmeric related products, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which the Board is likely to tackle the issues relating to rejection of turmeric in key export markets, price fluctuations, not meeting the desired curcumin levels, pest infestation, inadequate infrastructure and gaps in testing and certification?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c) National Turmeric Board was constituted vide Notification F.No.2/2/23-Plant-D dated 04.10.2023 with the following objectives:-

- i. Promote new product development and value addition in turmeric;
- ii. Promote awareness and consumption of turmeric and turmeric products in international markets;
- iii. Facilitate market research in potential international markets for development of value-added turmeric products;
- iv. Facilitate creation and improvement of infrastructure and logistics for exports of turmeric and turmeric products;
- v. Encourage building of resilient and sustainable supply chains for turmeric and turmeric products by strengthening forward and backward linkages;
- vi. Promote compliance with quality and safety standards across the supply chain of turmeric;
- vii. Promote capacity building and skill development of turmeric growers for value addition activities;
- viii. Strengthen documentation of traditional knowledge related to use of turmeric and its applications;
- ix. Encourage studies, clinical trials and research on medicinal, health and wellness enhancing properties of turmeric; and
- x. Any other objective as may be determined by the Central Government for promotion and development of the turmeric sector.

The National Turmeric Board was inaugurated on January 14, 2025, with its headquarters at Nizamabad, Telangana.

The National Turmeric Board has been set up to provide leadership on turmeric related matters, augment the efforts and facilitate greater coordination with various government agencies and stakeholders for the overall development and growth of the turmeric sector.

In 2023-24, India exported 1,62,018 tons of turmeric valued at 226.58 million USD. More than 99.95% of turmeric consignments exported from India were accepted in the export markets and rejection rate was less than 0.05%.
