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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3531 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22nd MARCH,2023

APPOINTMENT IN BOARDS

3531. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is full time Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen and members appointed for all the five commodity boards coming under the jurisdiction of the ministry of commerce and industry and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the posts of Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen and members to be nominated by the ministry are vacant as on date and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the tenure of the current nominated Chairman/Vice-Chairman of the tobacco board is to end?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) & (b): There are five Boards viz., Tea Board, Coffee Board, Rubber Board, Spices Board and Tobacco Board. The position with regards to the posts of Chairmen and Members of the Boards is given below:
 - i. Posts of Chairmen of Tea Board, Coffee Board, Spices Board and Tobacco Board are currently vacant as on date. Chairman of Rubber Board is in position.
 - ii. Excluding the post of Chairman, currently in Tea Board 29 members are in position, in Coffee Board 31 members are in position, in Rubber Board 25 members are in position, in Spices Board 10 members are in position, and in Tobacco Board 26 members are in position.

The Chairman/Vice-Chairman and members are appointed in the five Boards as per the Acts/Rules of the respective Boards. The appointment of Chairman and members is an ongoing process and is made as and when vacancies arise. Vice-Chairmen are not nominated by the Ministry and are elected by the respective Boards.

(c): The tenure of last Chairman of Tobacco Board ended recently on 11.03.2023. The tenure of current vice-Chairman of Tobacco Board is ending on 07.06.2023.