

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1687 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08th DECEMBER, 2021

TURMERIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

1687(H). SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

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

- (a) whether any proposal to set up a project on turmeric development in Hingoli and Nanded districts of Maharashtra is under consideration of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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) & (c): The mandate for production, research, development, domestic marketing of spices including turmeric is vested with the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. However, the Spices Board as per its mandate for production and research of cardamom and post-harvest management, quality control, and export promotion of 52 scheduled spices, has been undertaking activities for post-harvest improvement, building market linkages, export promotion, etc, of spices including turmeric, which has benefited the stakeholders of Hingoli and Nanded districts of Maharashtra.

The Board has established Regional Office in Mumbai, Maharashtra for the implementation of various programs for post-harvest management and quality improvement of turmeric and other spices.

The Board is implementing Post Harvest Improvement programs, viz, assisting growers for purchasing machineries such as Turmeric boilers & polishers, slicing machine, spice washing machine, driers etc, at a subsidized rate and also providing quality improvement training and extension advisory services to the stakeholders, aimed at better price realization for the growers and for improving the quality of turmeric for export. During FY 2020-21, the Board has organized two Quality Improvement training programs in Maharashtra in the turmeric growing areas.

The export of Turmeric from India has increased from Rs. 1035.67 crores to Rs. 1676.60 crores (estimated) from the year 2017-18 to 2020-21 an increase of 62 percent.
