

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4010
ANSWERED ON 25/03/2025

CODEX COMMITTEE

4010. SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR:
SHRI CHAMALA KIRAN KUMAR REDDY:
SMT. D K ARUNA:

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

- (a) whether there are any assessing evolving regulatory challenges the Government has underscored the Board's commitment to harmonising global spice standards through active participation in the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs, facilitating smoother trade and reducing technical barriers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and present status along with the details of investments made and spent therefor?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)

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

(a) & (b) The Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) was established in 2013 at the 36th Session of Codex Alimentarius Commission, with India as the host country for the Committee and Spices Board as the Secretariat.

The Committee has so far developed 14 full-fledged international Codex Standards for 16 spices. The standards developed by CCSCH for spices are (1) black / white / green pepper, (2) cumin, (3) thyme, (4) basil, (5) oregano, (6) ginger, (7) garlic, (8) cloves, (9) chilli-pepper & paprika, (10) nutmeg, (11) saffron, (12) turmeric, (13) small cardamom and (14) group standard for allspice, juniper berries and star anise. These standards are voluntary. However, they may form the basis of national regulations for Codex member countries and adoption of these standards help in bringing consistency in regulations, thereby reducing technical barrier and facilitating smoother trade.

So far 7 sessions of CCSCH have been organized in India. India, as a host country for CCSCH, makes arrangements for the meetings of CCSCH. A total expenditure of Rs. 6.99 crores has been incurred for organizing these 7 sessions.