

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4997
ANSWERED ON 01/04/2025

TURMERIC BOARD

4997. SHRI SUNIL BOSE:

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

- (a) the details of the Turmeric Board and the details of projects and programmes initiated by the Turmeric Board, particularly in Karnataka; and
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized under the Turmeric Board, particularly in Karnataka?

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) 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. In the year 2024-25, Spices Board has undertaken various programs and activities for spices, including turmeric, in Karnataka which inter alia include market linkage programmes, buyer seller meets, capacity building programmes and assistance for installation of turmeric boilers. The total expenditure incurred by Spices Board on the above programs in 2024-25 has been of Rs. 2.24 Cr benefiting 2941 beneficiaries.
