

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1633
ANSWERED ON 10/02/2026

NATIONAL TURMERIC BOARD

1633. SHRI. K E PRAKASH

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved or is considering the establishment of a regional office of the National Turmeric Board along with an accredited turmeric testing laboratory at Erode, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the present status of approval, allocation of funds, implementing agency and timeline for commencement of operations;
- (c) the objectives and scope of activities proposed for the said regional office and testing laboratory; and
- (d) whether the Government has examined the absence of representation from Tamil Nadu one of the leading turmeric producing States with strong agricultural performance on the National Turmeric Board, despite representations made in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c): The Spices Board has a regional office at Erode, Tamil Nadu and a Quality Evaluation Laboratory at Chennai which caters to the testing requirements of all spices, including turmeric and its value-added products in the state of Tamil Nadu. Further, the National Turmeric Board has been undertaking various activities inter alia including awareness and training programmes, buyer-seller meets etc., across the country, including in the state of Tamil Nadu. However, presently, no such specific proposal on establishment of regional office of the National Turmeric Board along with an accredited turmeric testing laboratory at Erode, Tamil Nadu is under consideration in this department.

(d): The composition of the National Turmeric Board inter alia includes three members to represent turmeric producing States, on rotation basis, three members to represent turmeric growers and two members to represent exporters of turmeric and turmeric products. Currently one of the members representing turmeric growers is from Tamil Nadu.
