

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRICE OF TURMERIC

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the turmeric growers are in distress due to fluctuations in prices of their produce in the domestic market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the further measures taken by the Government to give boost to its production and export?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (c): No incidence of distress of Turmeric farmers has been reported. Turmeric Prices have not registered a declining trend in the last three years. However, in some markets fluctuations based on the variety, quality and curcumin content in the turmeric were observed. The month wise wholesale domestic price of Turmeric at Chennai (Salem variety) and Erode (Erode variety) markets for the current year as compared with prices in the last two years is given as Annexure 1.

(d): Several programmes for development and production of spices including turmeric such as area expansion, Integrated Pest Management (IPM)/Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), organic farming, creation of water resources, micro irrigation, post-harvest management, development of market yards, Human Resource Development etc are implemented through State Horticulture Mission under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) of Government of India. The programmes like nucleus seed production of turmeric, technology dissemination through frontline demonstration of organic farming in turmeric are also implemented by the Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development at various State Agricultural University Centres and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institutes. Government implements through the Spices Board various export development, post-harvest and quality improvement programmes for spices including turmeric. Spices Board has also setup six quality evaluation labs for evaluating the quality of the spices to be exported.