

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF TURMERIC BOARD  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that Nizamabad and Warangal are the areas where the turmeric production is highest in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal with the Government to set up a Turmeric Board at Nizamabad;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it is a fact that the price of turmeric fluctuates drastically thereby causing losses to the farmers; and
- (f) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government to stabilise the turmeric prices?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Nizamabad and Warangal are important turmeric growing districts, with the region comprising the districts of Karimnagar, Warangal and Nizamabad, contributing about 22% of the total turmeric production in the country. Details are at Annexure.

(c) & (d): No Madam. Does not arise.

(e) & (f): Turmeric is an annual crop, prices of which vary inversely to its production. During 2010-11, turmeric prices had increased due to low production, while the production was high in 2012-13, leading to lower prices.

Under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), assistance is provided for development of horticultural crops including spices for area expansion, IPM/INM, organic farming, creation of water resources, post harvest management and markets, human resource development etc.

The programmes implemented by Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development (DASD) include nucleus seed production of turmeric, technology dissemination through frontline demonstration of organic farming in turmeric in various State Agriculture University Centre and ICAR Institutes etc. DASD implements production of seed rhizomes of turmeric through various SAUs including Dr. YSR Horticultural University, Andhra Pradesh for multiplication and distribution to the farmers.

Export promotion programmes on turmeric are implemented by Spices Board under Ministry of Commerce, Government of India.