



DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

One Hundred and Thirty Eighth Report on 'Activities and Functioning of
Spices Board'

The Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce, under the Chairmanship of **Shri Bhupender Yadav, MP, Rajya Sabha** presented the **One Hundred and Thirty Eighth Report on 'Activities and Functioning of Spices Board'** to the Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha on 25th August, 2017. The Report has also been forwarded to the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha. The full Report is available on the website www.rajyasabha.nic.in. Gist of main recommendations of the Committee is given below:

CONSTITUTION OF SPICES BOARD

- The Department of Commerce should expedite the constitution of the Spices Board and take immediate steps to appoint a full time Chairman of Spices Board. (Para 2.3 and 2.9)
- The Department may revisit the Spices Board Act 1986 so that Spices Board may be assigned the mandate of exclusive production and development of the six major spices namely turmeric, pepper, cardamom, chilli, ginger and garlic as well as export promotion of all spices. (Para 2.15)

SPICES PRODUCTION IN INDIA

- Cultivation of export oriented spices like cardamom, pepper, etc., should be expanded to non-traditional areas and aggregation through producer organizations or collectives should be promoted vigorously to improve productivity. (Para 3.9)
- Awareness programs should be conducted on large scale for the spices farmers encouraging them to use less fertilizers and pesticides and promote organic and bio-fertilizers/pesticides and to adopt Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). (Para 3.10)

