



DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

The Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce, headed by **Shri Bhupender Yadav, M.P., Rajya Sabha** has taken up the subject “**Activities and Functioning of Spices Board**” for detailed examination and has, accordingly, decided to invite views/ suggestions/ comments from individuals/ experts/ institutions/ organizations/ stake-holders interested in the subject matter. The views/ suggestions/ comments may, *inter alia*, focus on issues like functioning of Spices Board in undertaking and implementing several export development promotion programmes; role of Spices Board in improving export oriented production and post-harvest operations and encouraging export oriented research on spices; development of cardamom industry and undertaking research activities on cardamom; adoption of upgraded technology by Spices Board in spice processing and setting up of quality evaluation labs at par with international standards; effectiveness of Spices Parks in ensuring common infrastructure facilities and benefits to farmers and trading community; working of Spice Development Agencies (SDAs) and Saffron Production and Export Development Agency (SPEDA); promotion of organic farming of spices and its export; challenges like food safety regulations and non-tariff measures impacting spice export, lack of uniform standards and infrastructural constraints in spices processing industry; efficacy of current structure of Spices Board, quality of training and capacity development of Spices Board personnel; etc.

2. Those desirous of submitting their views/suggestions/comments to the Committee may send their written memoranda (either in English or Hindi) on the above subject to **Shri Narendra Kumar, Joint Director, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Room No. 222, Second Floor, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi-110001 (Tel.: 23034057) or e-mail at narendra.rs@sansad.nic.in and rsc-comm@sansad.nic.in** within fifteen days from the date of publication of this Press Communiqué.

3. The memoranda submitted to the Committee would form part of the records of the Committee and will be treated as confidential. These are not to be disclosed to anyone, till the report of the Committee is presented to Parliament. Any violation of this norm would constitute a breach of privilege of the Committee.

4. Those willing to give oral evidence before the Committee, besides sending Memoranda may so indicate. However, the decision of the Committee, in this regard, shall be final.
