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Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal inaugurated the National Turmeric Board in New Delhi. Goyal announced Palle Ganga Reddy as its first Chairperson. The headquarters of the Board has been set up at Nizamabad.

The Minister noted that the launch of the National Turmeric Board is on an auspicious day of celebrations across the country. He highlighted that representatives from various ministries will also be a part of the National Turmeric Board. Representatives from exporters and producer bodies will also be added to the Board.

Adding that turmeric is also known as ‘Golden Spice’, he pointed out that the newly formed Board will pay special attention to the welfare of the turmeric farmers spread across 20 states, including Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya and others. He said that there is immense potential in increasing turmeric production in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and the formation of the Turmeric Board will boost the income of turmeric producers in the country.

The Minister noted that the new Board will promote research and development of new turmeric products, and will look into the value addition of turmeric-related products for marketing abroad. The Board will also look into creating awareness of the essential and medical properties of turmeric, ways to increase its yield and boost logistics and supply chain to foster trade into newer markets, he said. Shri Goyal also highlighted that the Board will also ensure quality and safety standards of turmeric production and exports.

Goyal said that last year, 2023-24, an area of 3.05 lakh hectares was under turmeric cultivation in India with a production of 10.74 lakh tonnes. India was responsible for over 70 per cent of global turmeric production, he informed. He also shared that there are 30 varieties of turmeric produced in India.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar, and Arvind Dharmapuri, Member of Parliament, Nizamabad also graced the event.

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