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Shri Piyush Goyal
Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry
Government of India
New Delhi.

Respected Sir,

Sub: Request for appointment of Gujarat's Spices Sector in Spices Board and its Advisory Committees

Greetings from Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI).

At the outset, we would like to appreciate the support and relief measures taken by Government of India in providing relief to the trade and commerce during the recent second wave of COVID-19.

Sir, as you are kindly aware, India is emerging as the most preferred international hub for both major as well as minor spices. While South India leads in the production of major spices, the states of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh are the key producers of a variety of minor spices.

The composition of spices sector a decade ago was predominated by the major spices. However, the scenario has changed currently with the contribution of minor spices increasing to almost 60% of the total production. This has immensely increased the importance and the opportunities for the minor spices segment. Sir, the state of Gujarat alone accounts for 80% share of the total production of minor spices in the country.

There are currently around 3000-3500 Merchant Exporters of minor spices in the state of Gujarat. Additionally, many new opportunities such as setting up of grinding plants, seasoning manufacturing and manufacture of oleoresins have emerged in the State of Gujarat. The units producing Oleoresins in Gujarat are 100% Export Oriented Units (EOUs) and contribute significantly to the exports. In addition to Oleoresins, Gujarat has established its leadership in many other products as well. 90% of the total exports of dehydrated onion and garlic is from Gujarat. Gujarat is also focusing on quality improvement and value addition in the spices sector, to take the Spices Sector to the next level.

Sir, in view of the abovementioned developments, we believe that it is necessarily required that due representation is given to Gujarat's Spices Manufacturers by including adequate number of representatives from Gujarat in the Spices Board and its Advisory Committees.

We therefore request you to kindly intervene in the matter and ensure that Gujarat's spices sector gets its due representation so that the Spices Market of the country can be further enhanced.

We look forward to your positive intervention in the matter.

With Regards,

Natubhai Patel
President

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