

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2018**

PROMOTING CULTIVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS IN TAMIL NADU

1. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN:

Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to train farmers about Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Field Collection Practices (GFCP) for medicinal plants in the State of Tamil Nadu to promote the production and processing of herbs/medicinal plants; and

(b) the details of funds earmarked for this purpose to the various organisations/ institutions engaged in this field in the State of Tamil Nadu during last three years?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) & (b): The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH Government of India through Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research (DMAPR), Anand, Gujarat has developed a Training Module and Facilitation Guide to technically train the resource persons / farmers about Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and Good Field Collection Practices (GFCPs) for medicinal plants. In this regard, total 50 Master Trainers have been trained by DMAPR to impart training to farmers and the DMAPR has also organized a training programme in Madurai, Tamil Nadu during 21st to 23rd June, 2018 attended by around 50 farmers.

Further, the NMPB, Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India through Quality Council of India (QCI) has also launched a “Voluntary Certification Scheme for Medicinal Plants Produce (VCSMPP)” based on GAPs and GFCPs of medicinal plants to promote the production and processing of herbs/medicinal plants throughout the country including the state of Tamil Nadu.

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In addition, the NMPB, Ministry of AYUSH under its Central Sector Scheme on “Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” also provide support to various organizations/ institutions to organize training programmes, workshops, seminars, conference etc. in different parts of the country including state of Tamil Nadu to train the farmers about GAPs and GFCPs of medicinal plants to promote the production and processing of herbs/medicinal plants.

The funds released during last three years under the above said scheme for the purpose to various organizations/ institutions in Tamil Nadu is as below:

S. No.	Name & address of the Organization/ Institute	Amount released during 2015-16 to 2017-18 (Rs. in lacs)
1	Centre for Advanced Studies in Botany, University of Madras, Guindy Campus, Chennai- 600 025, Tamil Nadu.	5.00
2	Department of Botany, Pachaiyappa's College, Chennai- 600 030, Tamil Nadu.	10.00
3	National Agro Foundation, R&D Centre, CSIR Road, Anna University Campus, Taramani, Chennai - 600113	1.00
4	State Forest Research Institute (SFRI), Kolapakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	60.40
	Total	76.40