

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1449
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/12/2022**

**SUBSIDY FOR THE CULTIVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS IN HIMACHAL
PRADESH**

1449. MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any subsidy is being given for the cultivation of medicinal plants in Himachal Pradesh at present under the National AYUSH Mission;
- (b) if so, the details of the farmers who have been given subsidy, district-wise; and
- (c) whether the said subsidy could be given on the use of mortgaged land also?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a): No, Madam. Presently, National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush, is not supporting any subsidy for the cultivation of medicinal plants under the National Ayush Mission Scheme.

However, in the past, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India had implemented Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) to provide the subsidy for cultivation of medicinal plants from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21. Under the Medicinal Plants component of the National Ayush Mission (NAM) scheme, subsidy @30%, 50% and 75% of cultivation cost was provided for cultivation of 140 prioritized medicinal plants species to the farmers through State Implementing Agencies. As per the scheme guidelines, the support was provided for:

- (i) Cultivation of prioritized medicinal plants on farmer's land.
- (ii) Establishment of nurseries with backward linkages for raising and supply of quality planting material.
- (iii) Post-harvest management with forwarding linkages.
- (iv) Primary processing, marketing infrastructure etc.

(b): Ministry of Ayush had supported 648 farmers through State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPB), Himachal Pradesh for cultivation of medicinal plants in Himachal Pradesh under medicinal plants component of National Ayush Mission scheme from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21. The District-wise information is given below:

District	Total No. of farmers	Total area covered (Area in hectare)	Total subsidy (Rs. In lakh)
Shimla	486	124.46	129.15811
Kangra	75	38.6364	15.72868
Sirmour	18	14.00	4.15997
Chamba	49	24.88	30.01771
Una	11	19.0236	8.18539
Solan	3	2.00	0.99448
Lahaul & Spiti	6	3.00	2.62029
TOTAL	648	226.00	190.86463

(c): Not applicable, as the scheme was implemented from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21.
