

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.491
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07TH FEBRUARY, 2023**

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF MEDICINAL PLANTS

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has distributed nearly 1 crore medicinal plant saplings for the sustainable management of medicinal plants;
- (b) if so, the number and varieties of medicinal plant saplings given to Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details of financial assistance provided to Andhra Pradesh for nurturing and growing these medicinal plants since the scheme is a Central Sector Scheme; and
- (d) whether any assessment has been made about the percentage of the above saplings which survived and, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AYUSH

(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush, Government of India has organised Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) Campaign to promote the medicinal plant sector in country. Under the AKAM, NMPB, Ministry of Ayush supported “Ayush Aapke Dwar” activity to create awareness on medicinal plants during the period of one year from 30th August, 2021 onwards.

Under ‘Ayush Aapke Dwar’ campaign, NMPB, Ministry of Ayush through Regional-Cum-Facilitation Centres (RCFCs) / State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPB) had distributed **8345393** saplings of medicinal plants species viz. *Withania somnifera*, *Aegle marmelos*, *Andrographis paniculata*, *Asparagus racemosus*, *Phyllanthus emblica*, *Ocimum*

tenuiflorum, Tinospora cordifolia, Aloe vera etc. among students, households and general public throughout country including state of Andhra Pradesh.

- (b) In state of Andhra Pradesh, under the AKAM campaign, National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush had distributed **1322884** saplings of medicinal plants species *viz. Saraca asoca, Bacopa monnieri, Aloe vera, Centella asiatica, Petrocarpus santalinus, Petrocarpus marsupium* etc.
- (c) No specific financial assistance has been provided for AKAM campaign to Andhra Pradesh under the Central Sector Scheme. The saplings of medicinal plants has been distributed from the existing QPM/ Nursery resources of SMPB, Andhra Pradesh and RCFC (Southern Region).
- (d) No. The campaign was launched specifically for promoting awareness about the medicinal plants.
