

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2083  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/08/2023**

**“FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE FARMERS CULTIVATING HERBS”**

**2083. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:**

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

- (a) whether Government provides any financial assistance to farmers cultivating herbs used in traditional system of medicine;
- (b) if so, whether the herbs have been identified by Government for providing financial assistance;
- (c) if so, the herbs cultivation of which is requisite for financial assistance by Government; and
- (d) the number of farmers who have been provided financial assistance during the last five years along with the amount of such assistance, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c) No, Madam. However, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India had implemented Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) to promote the cultivation of medicinal plants from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21. Under its ‘Medicinal Plants’ component, market driven cultivation of 140 prioritized medicinal plants in identified clusters/zones was supported and implemented in a mission mode through selected State Implementing Agencies throughout the country. 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.

Under the same scheme, Ministry of Ayush had identified a list of 140 medicinal plants for providing financial assistance under cultivation of medicinal plants on farmer's land. National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush had supported 84 medicinal plants species out of 140 medicinal plants under Medicinal Plants Component of National Ayush Mission (NAM) scheme throughout the country from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21.

(d) Ministry of Ayush had supported financial assistance of Rs. 13657.68 lakh to the farmers for cultivation of medicinal plants through State Implementing Agencies under Medicinal Plants Component of National Ayush Mission Scheme throughout the country from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21. The detail of financial assistance supported to the State Implementing Agencies is given at **Annexure – I**.

As per the information received from the different states 69,742 farmers were supported for cultivation of medicinal plants under Medicinal Plants Component of National Ayush Mission Scheme throughout the country from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21. Detail is given at **Annexure – II**.

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## Annexure – I

**Details of financial assistance provided to the state implementing agency for cultivation of medicinal plant under Medicinal Plants Component of National Ayush Mission (NAM) Scheme from the Financial Year 2015-16 to 2020-21.**

| S. No.       | State Name        | Financial assistance (Amount in Lakh) |                |                |                |                |                | Total           |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|              |                   | 2015-16                               | 2016-17        | 2017-18        | 2018-19        | 2019-20        | 2020-21        |                 |
| 1            | Andhra Pradesh    | 121.28                                | 205.26         | 128.38         | 69.28          | 220.41         | 0.00           | <b>744.61</b>   |
| 2            | Arunachal Pradesh | 0.00                                  | 42.78          | 38.43          | 9.36           | 26.26          | 59.50          | <b>176.33</b>   |
| 3            | Assam             | 0.00                                  | 85.86          | 55.35          | 28.12          | 0.00           | 0.00           | <b>169.34</b>   |
| 4            | Bihar             | 0.00                                  | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 74.49          | 0.00           | <b>74.49</b>    |
| 5            | Chhattisgarh      | 0.00                                  | 47.63          | 27.96          | 28.11          | 0.00           | 0.00           | <b>103.70</b>   |
| 6            | Goa               | 0.00                                  | 8.22           | 9.44           | 9.44           | 9.74           | 0.00           | <b>36.84</b>    |
| 7            | Gujarat           | 25.92                                 | 72.19          | 71.45          | 178.67         | 0.00           | 0.00           | <b>348.23</b>   |
| 8            | Haryana           | 49.81                                 | 56.99          | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | <b>106.80</b>   |
| 9            | Himachal Pradesh  | 35.73                                 | 100.06         | 8.04           | 0.00           | 54.44          | 0.00           | <b>198.28</b>   |
| 10           | Jammu & Kashmir   | 7.39                                  | 30.67          | 19.22          | 21.50          | 18.29          | 21.54          | <b>118.61</b>   |
| 11           | Karnataka         | 102.20                                | 195.63         | 154.21         | 86.49          | 114.67         | 359.88         | <b>1013.09</b>  |
| 12           | Kerala            | 69.64                                 | 130.43         | 171.39         | 115.27         | 0.00           | 101.11         | <b>587.83</b>   |
| 13           | Madhya Pradesh    | 286.91                                | 490.88         | 317.28         | 249.36         | 287.87         | 853.74         | <b>2486.03</b>  |
| 14           | Maharashtra       | 194.61                                | 0.00           | 265.51         | 0.00           | 285.36         | 0.00           | <b>745.48</b>   |
| 15           | Manipur           | 48.30                                 | 70.88          | 30.25          | 17.58          | 15.83          | 0.00           | <b>182.83</b>   |
| 16           | Meghalaya         | 0.00                                  | 12.77          | 7.05           | 0.00           | 31.53          | 0.00           | <b>51.35</b>    |
| 17           | Mizoram           | 8.13                                  | 6.82           | 41.26          | 39.64          | 0.95           | 10.30          | <b>107.11</b>   |
| 18           | Nagaland          | 20.36                                 | 39.38          | 65.89          | 38.04          | 0.00           | 75.48          | <b>239.15</b>   |
| 19           | Orissa            | 0.00                                  | 107.55         | 0.00           | 85.06          | 0.00           | 0.00           | <b>192.61</b>   |
| 20           | Puducherry        | 0.00                                  | 4.96           | 0.00           | 0.39           | 0.78           | 0.00           | <b>6.14</b>     |
| 21           | Punjab            | 0.00                                  | 78.61          | 0.00           | 9.47           | 66.15          | 0.00           | <b>154.23</b>   |
| 22           | Rajasthan         | 38.53                                 | 194.81         | 473.60         | 203.24         | 327.85         | 0.00           | <b>1238.03</b>  |
| 23           | Sikkim            | 22.32                                 | 23.25          | 24.98          | 0.00           | 0.00           | 40.99          | <b>111.54</b>   |
| 24           | Tamil Nadu        | 144.22                                | 252.71         | 222.92         | 173.09         | 260.99         | 0.00           | <b>1053.94</b>  |
| 25           | Telangana         | 81.32                                 | 38.75          | 75.04          | 36.87          | 65.75          | 0.00           | <b>297.73</b>   |
| 26           | Tripura           | 6.06                                  | 0.00           | 0.00           | 42.90          | 0.00           | 0.00           | <b>48.96</b>    |
| 27           | Uttarakhand       | 54.22                                 | 129.82         | 105.99         | 55.67          | 133.60         | 0.00           | <b>479.28</b>   |
| 28           | Uttar Pradesh     | 548.76                                | 336.92         | 241.20         | 564.05         | 0.00           | 503.01         | <b>2193.95</b>  |
| 29           | West Bengal       | 18.13                                 | 44.94          | 104.98         | 62.20          | 160.93         | 0.00           | <b>391.19</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                   | <b>1883.85</b>                        | <b>2808.77</b> | <b>2659.82</b> | <b>2123.79</b> | <b>2155.89</b> | <b>2025.56</b> | <b>13657.68</b> |

## Annexure – II

**Details of farmers supported for cultivation of medicinal plants under medicinal plants component of National Ayush Mission (NAM) Scheme throughout the country from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21.**

| S. No.       | State             | 2015-16      | 2016-17      | 2017-18     | 2018-19      | 2019-20      | 2020-21     | Total        |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1            | Andhra Pradesh    | 7796         | 6415         | 3475        | 2240         | 7410         | 0           | 27336        |
| 2            | Arunachal Pradesh | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            |
| 3            | Assam             | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            |
| 4            | Bihar             | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            |
| 5            | Chhattisgarh      | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            |
| 6            | Goa               | 0            | 24           | 24          | 0            | 0            | 16          | 64           |
| 7            | Gujarat           | 1100         | 113          | 410         | 202          | 168          | 1024        | 3017         |
| 8            | Haryana           | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            |
| 9            | Himachal Pradesh  | 107          | 360          | 35          | 0            | 144          | 0           | 646          |
| 10           | Jammu & Kashmir   | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            | 41           | 0           | 41           |
| 11           | Jharkhand         | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            |
| 12           | Karnataka         | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            |
| 13           | Kerala            | 248          | 205          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0           | 453          |
| 14           | Madhya Pradesh    | 2000         | 5399         | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0           | 7399         |
| 15           | Maharashtra       | 1734         | 0            | 1183        | 0            | 0            | 0           | 2917         |
| 16           | Manipur           | 189          | 202          | 101         | 258          | 762          | 0           | 1512         |
| 17           | Meghalaya         | 0            | 24           | 0           | 0            | 109          | 0           | 133          |
| 18           | Mizoram           | 180          | 115          | 125         | 175          | 23           | 0           | 618          |
| 19           | Nagaland          | 30           | 209          | 265         | 73           | 51           | 0           | 628          |
| 20           | Orissa            | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            |
| 21           | Punjab            | 0            | 45           | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0           | 45           |
| 22           | Puducherry        | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            |
| 23           | Rajasthan         | 324          | 0            | 1520        | 0            | 0            | 0           | 1844         |
| 24           | Sikkim            | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            |
| 25           | Tamil Nadu        | 3605         | 0            | 0           | 1360         | 1526         | 0           | 6491         |
| 26           | Tripura           | 30           | 0            | 0           | 249          | 159          | 0           | 438          |
| 27           | Telangana         | 244          | 592          | 133         | 517          | 1059         | 195         | 2740         |
| 28           | Uttar Pradesh     | 0            | 0            | 0           | 5945         | 2090         | 2365        | 10400        |
| 29           | Uttarakhand       | 322          | 417          | 414         | 180          | 538          | 0           | 1871         |
| 30           | West Bengal       | 0            | 0            | 361         | 673          | 115          | 0           | 1149         |
| <b>Total</b> |                   | <b>17909</b> | <b>14120</b> | <b>8046</b> | <b>11872</b> | <b>14195</b> | <b>3600</b> | <b>69742</b> |

**Note:** As per information received from the concerned State Implementing Agencies.