

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA  
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**“Promotion of medicinal plants”**

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

- (a) the steps taken/being taken by Government to promote the cultivation of the medicinal plants among farmers in the Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) the details of the Naturopathy and yoga centres established in Himachal Pradesh; and
- (c) the details of beneficiaries registered in these centres?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush is implementing a scheme entitled “Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” throughout the country including Himachal Pradesh. Under the scheme project based support is provided for following activities on medicinal plants:

- (i) Survey Inventorisation, *In-situ* Conservation through Medicinal Plants Conservation and Development Areas (MPCDA) and Resource augmentation
- (ii) *Ex-situ* Conservation / Establishment of Herbal Garden (HG) and School Herbal Garden (SHG)
- (iii) Support to Joint Forest Management Committees / Panchayats / Van Panchayats / Biodiversity Management Committees / Self Help Groups for value addition activities like drying, primary processing, storage etc. of Medicinal Plants and thereby generate livelihood to these communities
- (iv) Research & Development
- (v) Information, Education and Communication (IEC) etc.
- (vi) Promotional activities such as establishment of nurseries.

Under the “Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants”, there is a provision to support the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities (training programmes, buyer seller meets, workshops, seminars, conferences etc.).

The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) has supported 324 projects under Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities to aware the local masses about the medicinal plants, 19 projects under marketing of medicinal plants, 127 projects for establishment of nurseries to raise the Quality Planting Material throughout the country since its inception. During last ten years, NMPB has supported 04 projects under Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities in Himachal Pradesh.

In addition, the National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush through its Regional Cum Facilitation Centres (RCFCs – Northern Region) in Research Institute in Indian Systems of Medicine (RIISM), Joginder Nagar, Dist. Mandi, Himachal Pradesh is also providing financial and technical assistance to farmers/other stakeholders for development of Quality Planting Material of medicinal plants and herbs in different states.

Besides this, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India had promoted cultivation of Medicinal Plants throughout the country under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the National Ayush Mission (NAM) from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21. Ministry of Ayush had also supported 03 workshops / buyer-seller meets / exposure visits under IEC activities in the Himachal Pradesh from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21 under the medicinal plants component of National Ayush Mission scheme.

(b) As per the information received from the Director AYUSH-cum-Member Secretary, State Medicinal Plants Board, Himachal Pradesh, the One Nature Care Unit at Oel, Distt. Una has been notified in the state of Himachal Pradesh, which is presently functioning as Ayurvedic Hospital.

It has also been informed that 740 Ayush Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs) have been notified by the State Government under National Ayush Mission (NAM), where 685 Yoga Guides (303-Male and 382 Female) have been deployed on outsourcing basis. Yoga sessions are being conducted by these Yoga Guides in Ayush HWCs and at community level.

(c) The detail of patients treated in Nature Care Unit at Oel, Distt. Una during the last three years is given at **Annexure – I**. Whereas 1,82,445 people have been benefitted from July 2022 to till date through Ayush Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs).

## Annexure – I

The detail of patients treated in Nature Care Unit at Oel, Distt. Una from the financial year 2021-22 to 2023-24 during the last three years.

<b>Year</b>	<b>OPD</b>	<b>Panchkarma beneficiaries</b>
2021-22	5532	954
2022-23	10323	1749
2023-24 (up to 31.12.2023)	10026	1059