

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3372 #
ANSWERED ON 1ST APRIL, 2025**

“Conservation and sustainable use of medicinal plants”

3372 # SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) whether Government is running any special programme for the in-situ (in natural habitat) and ex-situ (outside natural habitat) conservation and promotion of medicinal plants, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of herbal gardens established in the country so far by the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) along with the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) whether Government is running any special scheme to link herbal gardens with tourism and Ayurvedic treatment centers, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) Yes. The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush is presently implementing a “Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” under which project based financial support is provided to State Forest Departments for *in-situ* conservation of medicinal plants in their natural habitats by way of establishing Medicinal Plants Conservation and Development Areas (MPCDAs) and *ex-situ* conservation / plantation of medicinal plants outside designated forest areas /natural habitats.

In addition, the NMPB, Ministry of Ayush under its aforesaid Central Sector Scheme and the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Ministry of Science & Technology also supporting *ex-situ* conservation and promotion of medicinal plants by way of establishing herbal gardens, Seed and Field Gene Banks of medicinal plants.

(b) The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush under its “*Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants*” has provided project based support to various Government and Non-Government organizations to establish different types of Herbal Gardens viz. School Herbal Gardens, Institutional / Public Herbal Gardens and Herbal Gardens of State and National Importance. The State/UT- wise number of the herbal gardens supported under the aforesaid scheme are at **Annexure-I**.

(c) No. However, the different types of Herbal Gardens supported by Government helps to create awareness about traditional usage of medicinal plants and also promote ecotourism.

Annexure – I

The State/UT-wise number of Institutional Herbal Garden, School Herbal Garden, Home Herbal Garden and State / National Importance Herbal Garden supported since inception of NMPB in year 2000 to till date.

S. No.	State	No. of Institutional Herbal Garden	No. of School Herbal Garden	No. of Home Herbal Garden	No. of Herbal Gardens of State /National Importance
1	Andaman & Nicobar	2	-	-	-
2	Andhra Pradesh	12	175	13000	-
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3	-	-	-
4	Assam	13	75	-	-
5	Bihar	1	-	-	-
6	Chhattisgarh	2	200	-	-
7	Delhi	16	646	800	2
8	Goa	2	37	-	1
9	Gujarat	11	490	3000	-
10	Haryana	10	75	-	-
11	Himachal Pradesh	5	75	-	-
12	Jammu & Kashmir	10	100	-	-
13	Jharkhand	4	-	-	-
14	Karnataka	11	500	1420	-
15	Kerala	27	1008	3000	2
16	Ladakh	1	-	-	-
17	Madhya Pradesh	3	100	200	1
18	Maharashtra	27	25	100	-
19	Manipur	3	100	-	1
20	Mizoram	3	52	-	-
21	Nagaland	1	130	-	-
22	Orissa	5	102	-	1
23	Pondicherry	1	-	-	-
24	Punjab	6	261	-	-
25	Rajasthan	10	112	100	-
26	Sikkim	-	-	100	-
27	Tamil Nadu	17	382	400	-
28	Telangana	5	20	300	1
29	Uttarakhand	12	165	250	1
30	Uttar Pradesh	11	262	-	1
31	West Bengal	10	-	-	1
Total		244	5,092	22,670	12
Grand Total		28,018			