

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1769
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16/12/2025**

“Support for cultivation and value addition of medicinal plants in Raigarh”

1769. Shri Dhairyashil Mohan Patil:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has conducted any district-level assessment in Raigarh district of Maharashtra to identify areas with high potential for the cultivation of medicinal plants;
- (b) whether Raigarh district has been included under the medicinal plants component of the National Ayush Mission (NAM) for implementation of cluster-based cultivation, storage and processing units; and
- (c) the reasons for the lack of district-wise data and absence of transparency in the implementation and distribution of financial and technical assistance to local farmers and entrepreneurs?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

- (a) No, Ministry of Ayush has not conducted any district-level assessment in Raigarh district of Maharashtra to identify areas with high potential for the cultivation of medicinal plants.

However, the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) has supported a demand and supply study through Indian Council for Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun, entitled “Medicinal Plants in India: An assessment of their Demand and Supply” by G.S. Goraya & D.K. Ved published in the year 2017. As per the study, the annual demand of herbs/medicinal plants in the country was estimated to be about 5,12,000 Metric Ton in 2014-15. As per the study about 1178 medicinal plants species are recorded in practices of trade, out of which 242 species are traded in high volume of more than 100 MT per annum. The study was published in 2017 and is available on the website of NMPB i.e. (https://nmpb.nic.in/sites/default/files/Projects/Medicinal_Plants_in_India_An_Assessment_of_their_Demand_and_Supply.pdf) .

(b) Yes, Raigarh district is included in National Ayush Mission (NAM) scheme. The scheme includes establishment of nursery to raise quality planting materials, IEC activities, infrastructure for post-harvest management and marketing, quality testing and certification. Further, it is to inform that Ministry of Ayush, Government of India had implemented the medicinal plants component under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21 to promote the cultivation of Medicinal Plants throughout the country including Raigarh district of Maharashtra. 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.

Besides this, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare under its Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic and medicinal plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo. All States (including Raigarh district) and UTs are covered under MIDH. Under the same scheme, the provision has been made for providing assistance for area expansion of short duration medicinal plants i.e. non-perennial in nature and non-tree species. Details of cost norms alongwith the pattern of assistance is at **Annexure**.

Further, Raigarh district is also included in Mission for Integrated Horticulture Development (MIDH). The target is allocated for cultivation of medicinal plants in Raigarh district is for 10 hectare area and financial assistance is Rs. 6.00 lakh.

(c) Does not arise.

Annexure

Name of the Component	Cost Norms	Pattern of Assistance
Medicinal Plants (Mulethi, Shatavari, Kalihari, Shwet Musali, Guggule, Manjishtha, Kutki, Atees, Jatamansi, Ashwagandha, Brahmi, Tulsi, Vidarikand, Pippali, Chirata, Pushkarmool)	Rs. 1.5 Lakh/ha	<p>Assistance @ 40% in general areas for an area upto 2 ha.on pro rata basis for meeting the expenditure on planting material and cost of material for INM/IPM etc. in 2 instalments of 60:40</p> <p>In the case of NE & Himalayan States, Scheduled areas including TSP (Tribal Sub Plan) areas, vibrant villages, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands, assistance will be @ 50% for an area upto 2 ha. on pro rata basis.</p>