

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2833  
ANSWERED ON 17/03/2026**

**“Establishment of medicinal plant resources and ayurveda institute in Konkan”**

**2833. Shri Dhairyashil Mohan Patil:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the Konkan region is extremely rich in medicinal herbs like Kokam, Triphala, Sarpagandha and rare plant resources;
- (b) whether there is a proposal to establish one of the three proposed new All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), aimed at scientific exploitation and value addition of these natural resources, in this region;
- (c) whether 'AYUSH medicine clusters' and special processing centres would be established for the farmers in Konkan for the commercial cultivation of medicinal plants; and
- (d) whether there is a proposal to establish high level drug testing laboratories for the certification of local medicinal herbs?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): Yes, Government is aware that the Konkan region is extremely rich in biodiversity and medicinal plant resources. The region is known for several endemic and economically important medicinal plants such as Kokam, Harad, Baheda, Sarpagandha, Lodhra, Jyotishmati, Nagkeshar, Sita Ashok, Ritha, Bhallataka, Saptrangi, Khair, Arjun, Beal, Agnimanth and other plant species used in traditional medicine.
- (b): During the presentation of the Union Budget 2026-27 on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2026, it has been announced to establish three new All India Institutes of Ayurveda (AIAs).
- (c): There is no such proposal under consideration.
- (d): The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush, under Central Sector Scheme (CSS) on ‘Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal

Plants' has established following Raw Drug Repositories (RDRs) in the different part of country which are equipped with optimum facilities for authentication of medicinal plants:

Sr No	Raw Drug Repositories (RDRs) established	Regions covered
1.	National Raw Drug Repository (NRDR)-Regional Ayurveda Research Institutes (CCRAS), Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh	National level
2.	Regional Raw Drug Repositories (RRDR)-All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi	Trans- Ganga Plain Region
3.	Regional Raw Drug Repositories (RRDR)-National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur, Rajasthan	Western Dry Region
4.	Regional Raw Drug Repositories (RRDR)-National Institute of Siddha, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Southern Plateau Region
5.	Regional Raw Drug Repositories (RRDR)-Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H), Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh	Gangetic Plain Region