

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 172
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JULY 2026**

“Traditional medicinal knowledge of tribal communities”

172. Smt. Sulata Deo

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has undertaken any scientific documentation of traditional medicinal knowledge of tribal communities in Odisha; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to protect their intellectual property rights?

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

(a) The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Ayush, is actively engaged in the documentation and validation of Local Health traditions/Folklore practices through the Medico Ethno-botanical Survey (MEBS) and the Tribal Health Care Research Programme (THCRP) at identified ST dominant Villages/Areas in a total of 14 States including Odisha through the Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI), Bhubaneswar.

(b) CARI, Bhubaneswar has undertaken a Project titled “Medico Ethno Botanical Survey of Gandhmardan Hill, Odisha for documentation and Validation of the Traditional Medicinal Knowledge of Tribal and Local communities.

The issue of intellectual property rights (IPR) is addressed in accordance with the provisions on IPR outlined in the CCRAS Research Policy after the documentation of the data and completion of the validation process.
