

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED ADMITTED QUESTION NO. 179
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21/07/2026**

Promotion of medicinal plants under NMPB

179 Shri Raghav Chadha:

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

- (a) whether the National Medicinal Plants Board has undertaken programmes for promotion of medicinal plant cultivation across the country, and the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the details on the area under cultivation and the number of farmers benefited under such programmes during the last 5 years;
- (c) the quantum of funds allocated, released and utilised under the programmes during the said period; and
- (d) the progress made in promoting cultivation, conservation and sustainable utilisation of medicinal plants?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a & c) Yes, National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush, Government of India is implementing Central Sector Scheme on “Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” throughout the country for promotion of medicinal plant cultivation wherein following activities are being supported:

- (i) Information Education & Communication (IEC) activities like Training / Workshops / Seminars/ Conferences etc.
- (ii) Forward and backward linkage in supply chain of medicinal plants (Integrated Component).

- (iii) *In-situ* conservation / *Ex-situ* conservation.
- (iv) Livelihood linkages with Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) / Panchayats / Van Panchayats / Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) / Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- (v) Research & Development.
- (vi) Promotion, marketing and trade of medicinal plants produce.

Further, NMPB, Ministry of Ayush through its Regional-cum-Facilitation Centre (RCFCs) located at different regions of the country provide Quality Planting Material (QPM) of medicinal plants to farmers/ growers to promote cultivation of medicinal plants in the country. In addition, through these RCFCs training & workshops on Good Agriculture Practices (GAPs) & Good Field Collection Practices (GFCPs) are also organized from time to time. NMPB has approved 152 projects for organizing training program/seminars/workshops for promotion of cultivation of medicinal plants throughout the country during the financial year 2021-22 to 2025-26, for an amount of Rs.1186.91 Lakh. The state wise details are attached at **Annexure I**.

(b) As per information received from Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented throughout the country for holistic growth of the horticulture sector including medicinal plants. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to the farmers/beneficiaries for cultivation of short duration medicinal plants i.e. non-perennial in nature and non-tree species. Details of cost norms along with the pattern of assistance are provided at **Annexure II**.

(d) NMPB, Ministry of Ayush under its “Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” is providing project based support to State Forest Departments for Conservation, Resource Augmentation/ Plantation of medicinal plants in forest areas through in-situ Conservation, in-situ/ex-situ resource augmentation and Support to JFMCs/ Panchayats/ Van Panchayat/SHGs/BMCs etc. for setting of local cluster for value addition, drying, warehousing and augmenting marketing infrastructure etc. and generate livelihood to these forest fringe communities. During the last five years, 15 new projects have been supported under these components, with grant-in-aid amounting to Rs. 3,363.24 lakhs. In addition, NMPB, Ministry of Ayush supports research and development activities on various aspects of medicinal plants through Government and private universities, research institutions,

and other organizations across the country. During the last five years, 57 projects have been supported to promote the conservation, development, and sustainable utilization of medicinal plants. Further, under the Forward and Backward Linkage in Supply Chain of Medicinal Plants (Integrated Component), NMPB has supported 12 projects across the country during the financial years 2023–24 to 2025–26 and the details of fund releases are provided at **Annexure-III**.

To promote the cultivation of medicinal plants through IEC activities, NMPB, Ministry of Ayush has also approved 152 projects for organizing training programmes, seminars, and workshops across the country during the financial years 2021–22 to 2025–26, involving financial assistance of Rs. 1,186.91 lakh. The details of these projects are provided at **Annexure-I**.

Annexure 1

State wise details of fund sanctioned and released under IEC activities during 2021-22 to 2025-26									
S. No.	State/UT	Year's					No of Projects sanctioned	Amount approved (Rs. In Lakhs)	Amount Released (Rs. In Lakhs)
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26			
1	Andhra Pradesh	1	1	0	2	1	5	51	43
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	1	0	0	0	1	14.2	14.2
3	Assam	3	3	2	0	1	9	131.14	126.14
4	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	1	1	20	0
5	Chhattisgarh	0	1	0	0	0	1	29.5	29.5
6	Delhi	5	6	1	3	3	18	134.611	129.611
7	Gujarat	0	0	1	1	3	5	51	18.81
8	Haryana	0	1	1	1	1	4	11	9
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	1	1	1	3	31.575	22.545
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	4	0	0	4	36.91	26.91
11	Jharkhand	0	3	0	0	0	3	11.8	11.8
12	Karnataka	3	2	0	3	1	9	119.875	99.875
13	Kerala	0	2	2	0	0	4	22	22
14	Ladakh	0	2	0	1	0	3	15	15
15	Madhya Pradesh	4	3	0	1	1	9	77.4	68.4
16	Maharashtra	0	2	1	1	1	5	19	14
17	Manipur	0	1	0	0	1	2	13	10
18	Meghalaya	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2
19	Mizoram	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	5
20	Odisha	3	1	2	0	3	9	27.25	12.25
21	Punjab	1	1	2	0	0	4	30	30
22	Rajasthan	0	0	1	3	2	6	36.85	21.85
23	Tamil Nadu	3	9	4	5	4	25	116.85	91.85
24	Telangana	0	0	1	0	1	2	15	10
25	Uttar Pradesh	2	1	3	0	3	9	80.8	49.8
26	Uttarakhand	0	1	3	0	0	4	30	20
27	West Bengal	1	3	0	1	0	5	54.15	45
Total		26	45	29	24	28	152	1186.91	948.54

Annexure II

Name of the Component	Cost Norms	Pattern of Assistance
Medicinal Plants (Mulethi, Shatavari, Kalihari, ShwetMusali, Guggulu, Manjishtha, Kutki, Atees, Jatamansi, Ashwagandha, Brahmi, Tulsi, Vidarikand, Pippali, Chirata, Pushkarmool)	Rs. 1.50 Lakh/ha	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 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.

Annexure III

The details of projects (Integrated Component) sanctioned and funds released under the Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants in the country during the last five years, State/UT –wise

S. No	F.Y.	State	Total approved amount (In lakh)	Fund released (Rs. In lakh)
1.	2023-24	Andhra Pradesh	120.00	84.00
2.	2023-24	Jammu & Kashmir	82.50	57.75
3.	2023-24	Mizoram	120.00	84.00
4.	2023-24	Uttarakhand	120.00	84.00
5.	2024-25	Karnataka	120.00	84.00
6.	2024-25	Tamil Nadu	95.00	67.00
7.	2024-25	Kerala	120.00	84.00
8.	2024-25	Madhya Pradesh	119.95	84.00
9.	2025-26	Rajasthan	120.00	84.00
10.	2025-26	Rajasthan	120.00	84.00
11.	2025-26	Uttar Pradesh	120.00	84.00
12.	2025-26	Uttar Pradesh	100.00	70.00