

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 968
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2026**

Demand for quality planting material of high-value medicinal plants species

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the rising demand for quality planting material of high-value medicinal plants species to reduce imports;
- (b) whether any programme is being implemented to promote planting material of commercially important medicinal species which are in great demand and imported from abroad;
- (c) the financial and technical assistance provided, State-wise, including Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) whether region-specific forestry clusters of medicinal plants linked with processing and exports are proposed; and
- (e) the targets fixed for expanding medicinal cultivation and reducing import during the next decade?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes. National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush through its Regional Cum Facilitation Centres (RCFCs) interacted with State Forest Departments, research institutions, growers, industries, other stakeholders and observed an increasing demand for Quality Planting Material (QPM) of high-value medicinal plant species. The demand is driven by the expansion of herbal, Ayush, nutraceutical and pharmaceutical industries. RCFCs facilitates identification of priority medicinal plant species suitable for cultivation. NMPB has also signed MoUs with industry to facilitate cultivation medicinal plants as well with CSIR Institutions to develop Quality Planting Material of Medicinal Plants and reduce imports.

(b & c) NMPB is implementing Central Sector Scheme (CSS) on “Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” throughout the country. The

scheme is aimed at providing project based support for the different activities i.e Nursery/QPM, Forward and backward linkage in supply chain of medicinal plants (Integrated

Component). NMPB, Ministry of Ayush has supported total 16 projects to the different organization under Central Sector Scheme during the financial year 2023 -24 to 2025-26 to raise the Quality planting material of medicinal plants in different states including Uttar Pradesh. The detail is given at **Annexure**.

(d) No. However, RCFCs under NMPB supports development of region-specific medicinal plant clusters based on agro-climatic suitability, availability of planting material, market demand and existing processing infrastructure.

The focus includes:

- Cluster-based cultivation of priority medicinal species.
- Strengthening nursery infrastructure.
- Linkages with Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), processors and industry.
- Promotion of value addition, post-harvest management and market linkages.
- Facilitation of convergence with State Forest Departments and other Government programmes.

Such initiatives are expected to enhance processing, value addition and export potential.

(e) No. NMPB does not independently prescribe national targets for expansion of medicinal plant cultivation or reduction of imports. However, it contributes towards following objectives:

- Promoting production and distribution of quality planting material, which includes few species having imports also.
- Facilitating expansion of cultivation of prioritized medicinal plant species.
- Strengthening nursery networks and capacity building.
- Enhancing technical support to farmers and implementing agencies.
- Promoting sustainable cultivation, conservation and value chain development.

Annexure

The State-wise projects supported for Quality Planting Material during the financial year 2023-24 to 2025-26 including Uttar Pradesh are given below:

S. No.	State	No of Projects sanctioned	Sanctioned Amount (Rs.in lacs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	43.75
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	6.25
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	25.00
4.	Karnataka	2	75.00
5.	Kerala	1	25.00
6.	Madhya Pradesh	2	37.50
7.	Maharashtra	1	220.75
8.	Mizoram	1	50.00
9.	Rajasthan	2	50.00
10.	Tamil Nadu	1	25.00
11.	Uttar Pradesh	2	55.00
12.	Uttarakhand	1	25.00
Total		16	638.25