

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,  
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 335  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

**POLICY FOR MEDICINAL PLANTS**

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Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Council in Ayurveda and Unani have conducted medico-ethno survey for documentation and publishing the medicinal plants and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy for aromatic plants and forest produce and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received a number of suggestions in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with action taken by the Government in this direction?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,  
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY  
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA**

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**(a):** Yes, the research councils of Ministry of AYUSH viz. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) and Central Council for Research in Unani Medicines (CCRUM) conducts medico-ethnobotanical survey and documentation of medicinal plants through their research institutes and units located in different parts of the country and published them periodically. The CCRAS and CCRUM has conducted Medico-ethnobotanical survey across different forest areas / geographical regions in the country and the lists of monographs / book published are at **Annexure-I & II**.

**(b) to (d):** To look into all matters related to medicinal plants and overall development of medicinal plants sector in the country, the Government of India has set up National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) in 2000. Since its inception, the NMPB has been implementing various schemes / programmes for conservation, development, sustainable managements, cultivation of the medicinal & aromatic plants of medicinal value in the country and presently, implementing the following schemes:

- (i) Central Sector Scheme on “Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants”
- (ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM)

The subject of medicinal & aromatic plants is of a multi-sector, multi-stakeholder and multi-dimensional nature which is dealt by different Ministries / Departments of Government who implements various schemes / programmes in this regards.

However, in recent years an alarming imbalance has been observed between growing demand and shrinking supply of medicinal & aromatic plants in the country and this has also resulted in overexploitation, depletion of natural populations of many of these species. Therefore, to give a more focused attention on sustainable management and development of medicinal & aromatic plants sector in the country, a need is felt for a comprehensive and suitable national level policy on medicinal & aromatic plants of India.

Hence, in this regard, the NMPB, Ministry of AYUSH on 19-20 January, 2017 had organized an “*International Symposium on Drafting a National Policy of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants of India*” in collaboration with Federation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Stakeholders (FEDMAPS) in New Delhi. The major thrust areas of symposium were (i) Forest & Conservation, (ii) Cultivation, Sustainable Harvesting & Post-Harvest Management, (iii) Information, Education & Communication, (iv) Research & Development, (v) Regulatory Mechanism, (vi) Training & Capacity Building, (vii) Industry, Trade & Marketing, (viii) Networking & IT / Space Intervention, (ix) Export Promotion and (x) Programs & Schemes.

The symposium was attended by various medicinal & aromatic plants stakeholders viz. policy makers, scientists, academicians, traditional health practitioners, pharmaceutical trade and drug industries, NGOs, farmers etc. and during the symposium they have exchanged their ideas and discussed various issues related to conservation, cultivation, regulations, research & development, marketing & trade of medicinal and aromatic plants. After the symposium a number of suggestions regarding national policy on different aspects of medicinal & aromatic plants are also received from various stakeholders and in this regard, as an outcome of the symposium, an assignment has been entrusted to FEDMAPS to frame a draft document on ‘National Policy of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants’.

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## List of Books Published by CCRAS on Medico-ethnobotanical Survey

S. No.	Title of the Document	Year of Publication
1.	Preliminary Techno Economical Survey of Natural Resources and Herbal Wealth of Laddakh (English)-	1976
2.	Tribal Pockets of Nilgiris Recordings of the Field Study on Medical Flora and Health Practices (English)	1976
3.	Uttarakhand Vanoushadhi Darshika (English)	1977
4.	Observations of Medico-Botany of Andaman-Nicobar Islands (English)	1988
5.	Contribution to the Medico-Botany of East Godavari and West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh (English)	1989
6.	Medico-Botanical Exploration of Puri District (Orissa) – English	1989
7.	Glimpses of Medico-Botany of Bastar District (M.P.) – English	1990
8.	Medico-Ethno-Botanical Explorations of Sikkim Himalayas	1991
9.	Medico-Ethno-Botany of Sonebhadra District (English)	1993
10.	Medico-Botanical Exploration of Phulbani and Koraput districts of Orissa (E)	1996
11.	A Report on Medical Plants of Kachchh (Gujarat) – English	1998
12.	Medicinal Plants of Nagpur and Wardha Forest Divisions, Maharashtra (E)	1999
13.	Sadi Mittar Dugar Deeyan Jadiyan-Butiyan (Dogari)	1999
14.	Database on Medicinal Plants used in Ayurveda Vol. 1 to 8	2000-2007
15.	Hamari Mitra Jammu-Pradesh ki Vanaushdhiyan (Hindi)	2003
16.	Healing Herbs of Himalaya (English)	2008
17.	Himalaya ki Arogyadayi Vanaspatiyan (Hindi)	2008
18.	Herbal Wealth of Uttarakhand-Vol 1	2014
19.	Herbal Wealth of Uttarakhand-Vol 2	2015

## List of Books Published by CCRUM on Medico-ethnobotanical Survey

S. No.	Title of the Document	Year of Publication
1.	A contribution to the medicinal plants of Aligarh	1981
2.	Medicinal plants of Gwalior forest division, Madhya Pradesh	1984
3.	Contribution to the Unani Medicinal Plants from North Arcot district, Tamil Nadu	1992
4.	Medicinal plants of Andhra Pradesh, Part –I	1999
5.	Potential anti-malarial herbal drugs from South Eastern India-Bihar & Orissa	2000
6.	Medicinal Plants in Folklores of Northern India	2001
7.	Medicinal Plants in Folklores of Bihar and Orissa	2001
8.	Medicinal Plants in Folklores of Southern India	2001
9.	Medicinal Plants in Folklores of Kashmir Himalayas	2001
10.	Medicinal Plants in Folklores of Northern India Part– II	2006
11.	Medicinal Plants in Folklores of Orissa Part – II	2006
12.	Medicinal Plants in Folklores of Southern India Part – II	2006
13.	Unani Medicinal Plants of Tarai Forests in Kumaon region of Uttarakhand	2008
14.	Unani Medicinal Plants of Siddharthnagar Forest Division, Uttar Pradesh	2010
15.	Unani Medicinal Plants of Andhra Pradesh Part-I	2010
16.	Unani Medicinal Plants of Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu	2012
17.	Medicinal in Folklores of Odisha Part –III	2014
18.	Unani Medicinal Plants and their folklore claims from Chamrajnagar Wildlife Division, Karnataka	2015