

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 405  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2018  
SURVEY OF MEDICINAL PLANTS**

**†\*405. SHRI RAM SWAROOP SHARMA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey in Himachal Pradesh so as to find out the availability of medicinal plants in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, districtwise; and
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to consider any such proposal and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA  
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**(a)&(b)** The Botanical Survey of India (BSI), an organization under Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is mandated for survey of plant diversity of the country; its documentation, including traditional knowledge associated with it at National, Regional, State and Ecosystem level and its conservation in different parts of the country. The BSI is carrying out survey and documentation of all plant resources of the country including medicinal/aromatic plants and herbs and it is estimated that more than 8000 species of medicinal herbs and medicinal plants are found in the country. As per BSI information, about 1500 species of medicinal plants are found in Western Himalaya which covers the state of Himachal Pradesh.

As per the information received from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, the Department of Ayurveda, Himachal Pradesh, through its Research Institute in ISM, Joginder Nagar, District, Mandi, has also conducted survey and prepared an inventory on the medicinal plants found in different agro-climatic zones of Himachal Pradesh as per different altitudes. The number of medicinal plants species recorded in each agro-climatic zones of Himachal Pradesh covering all the district is at **Annexure**.

**(c):** Does not arise.

**Annexure****The number of medicinal plants species recorded in each agro-climatic zones of Himachal Pradesh covering all the district**

Sr. No.	Name of zone	Districts covered	No. of species available
1	Sub mountain & low hills sub-tropical zone (below 700 meters MSL)	Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur and Parts of Sirmour, Kangra, Solan & Mandi	158
2	Mid Hills Sub-humid zone (Between about 700 to 1800 meters MSL)	Palampur and Kangra tehsil of Kangra, Rampur tehsil of District Shimla, Parts of district Mandi, Solan , Kullu, Chamba and Sirmour	48
3	High-Hills Temperate wet zone (Between 1800 to 2500 meters MSL)	Shimla district (except parts of Rampur & Sunni Tehsil), Parts of Kullu, Solan, Chamba, Mandi, Kangra & Sirmour	58
4	High Hills Temperate Dry Zone (Above 2500 meters MSL)	High reaches of Kullu, Kangra, Shimla districts and Kinnaur & Lahaul Spiti districts of Sub-Alpine to Alpine Range.	21