

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4351
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH JULY, 2019**

NMPB

4351. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

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

- (a) the role of Kerala Forest department and other Forest Departments in implementation of National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPB) objective;
- (b) the details of the requirement of products from NMPB, State/UT and location-wise;
- (c) whether NMPB has been able to bring improvement in availability of medicinal plants, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the other units besides Ayurveda are using plants to produce and market extracts; and
- (e) 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): Forests are the main source of medicinal plants and the conservation, resource augmentation and sustainable utilization of these resources is also one of the objectives of National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB). To meet this objective of NMPB, the different State Forest Departments in the Country including Kerala Forest Department implements various projects sanctioned by NMPB on In-situ/ Ex-situ Conservation, Resource Augmentation and sustainable harvesting of medicinal plants.

(b): The State/UT-wise detail of number of projects supported by NMPB on Conservation, Resource Augmentation and sustainable harvesting of medicinal plants till 2018-19 is at **Annexure.**

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(c): Yes, the NMPB has been able to bring improvement in availability of medicinal plants in the Country. In this regard, the NMPB has supported more than 96738 hectare area till 2018-19 for conservation and resource augmentation of medicinal plants in wild. In addition, NMPB, Ministry of AYUSH has also supported more than 220476 hectare area till 2018-19 under cultivation of medicinal plants for the availability of medicinal plants.

(d) & (e): The information regarding other units using the plants to produce and market extracts is not available.

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Annexure

The State/UT-wise detail of number of projects supported by NMPB on Conservation, Resource Augmentation and sustainable harvesting of medicinal plants till 2018-19 is as below:

S. No.	State/UT	Total No of Projects Sanctioned
1	Andaman & Nicobar	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	18
3	Arunachal Pradesh	18
4	Assam	7
5	Chandigarh	1
6	Chattisgarh	38
7	Dadra Nagar Haveli	2
8	Goa	4
9	Gujarat	35
10	Haryana	9
11	Himachal Pradesh	16
12	Jammu & Kashmir	6
13	Jharkhand	10
14	Karnataka	29
15	Kerala	33
16	Madhya Pradesh	44
17	Maharashtra	43
18	Manipur	14
19	Meghalaya	9
20	Mizoram	24
21	Nagaland	11
22	Orissa	26
23	Punjab	9
24	Rajasthan	21
25	Sikkim	25
26	Tamil Nadu	12
27	Telangana	2
28	Tripura	12
29	Uttar Pradesh	12
30	Uttarakhand	32
31	West Bengal	10
	Total	535