

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4455
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH JULY, 2019**

RESEARCH ON MEDICINAL PLANTS

4455. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

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

- (a) whether less research has taken place in the field of medicinal plants in the country despite the huge potential of utility and development of medicinal plants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has a plan to start internship for research on medicinal plants to promote this sector; and
- (d) 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) & (b): No. Research has taken place in the field of medicinal plants in the country owing the huge potential of utility and development of medicinal plants. For Research and Development in the field of Medicinal Plants National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH under “Center Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” has given project based assistance for collection, compilation, documentation, preparations of comprehensive monographs, conservation biology, ethno-medicinal documentation and exploration, Bio-activity Guided Fractionation, Bio-prospecting, development of DNA barcoding, post-harvest treatment, quality planting material, Marketing, germination and seed treatment protocols, identification of substitutes/adulterants.

(c) & (d): The NMPB, Ministry of AYUSH has initiated a 1-3 months duration internship programme with the objective to develop manpower to address the quality, standardization, marketing along with policy formation aspects and promote medicinal plants sector in year 2019-20. Besides it, Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS), Ministry of AYUSH also provides internship for Siddha Medicinal Plants Garden (SMPG).

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