

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- †3181
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 20/03/2023

RESEARCH ON TRIBAL MEDICINE

†3181. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the works done for tribal medicine research during the last four years, State/ UT-wise along with the funds provided for the purpose;
- (b) the details of the projects proposed by the Government of Rajasthan for tribal medicine research;
- (c) whether the Government is providing any assistance to the tribal people for the traditional knowledge acquired from them; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tribal Affairs has sanctioned projects to State Tribal Research institutes / renowned research Institutes for undertaking research work on Tribal medicinal practices and medicinal plants under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Support to Tribal Research Institutes ” and Central Sector Scheme ‘Tribal Research Information, Education, Communication and Events’. Moreover, Ministry has made the Tribal Research Institute, Uttarakhand as the nodal & coordinating TRI for all projects related to traditional medicine and healing practices. The project "Role of Tribal healers in oral health in Tribal Population has been sanctioned to Govt. of Rajasthan in the Year 2022-23. The details of work undertaken for tribal medicine along with sanction of funds is given at **Annexure**.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. †3181 for answer on 20.03.2023.

Details of works by States under Support to TRIs Scheme and organization under M/o. Ayush are as under:

S.No.	States	Details of work
1.	Assam	TRI Assam have organized workshop on traditional medicine practitioners and documented the medicinal plants and practices. Documentation on Medicinal Plants 2 nos. of Two days Training on Traditional Medicine Practitioners Research Study : Exploring the Traditional Health practices among the Rabhas of Goalpara District, Assam. Fund sanctioned : Rs. 12.12 Lakh
2.	Kerala	Documentation of knowledge of more than 300 major tribal healers of Kerala.
3.	Sikkim	The State of Sikkim TRI has conducted study on "Identification, documentation and validation of ethno-medicinal plants practices by the Lepcha tribes of Sikkim". Fund sanctioned : Rs. 20.00 Lakh
4.	Rajasthan	Role of Tribal healers in oral health in Tribal Population. Fund sanctioned : Rs. 49.97 Lakh
5.	Madhya Pradesh	The TRI has made a study on the medicine used by tribals. One project has been sanctioned to AIIMS, Bhopal titled "natural product isolation with characterization of active ingredients and ethnobotanical role of medicinal plants used in tribal population of Madhya Pradesh- medicinal chemistry perspective with special emphasis on in vitro anti neoplastic property".
6.	Jharkhand	Compendium and Tribal Medicinal Practices Santhal, Munda and Oraon approved budget by MoTA in F.Y. 2018-19. Fund sanctioned : Rs. 15.00 Lakh
7.	Karnataka	Mapping and documentation of ethno medicinal practices among tribal population for commercialization of ethno botanicals in Mysore and Shimoga districts of Karnataka. Fund sanctioned : Rs. 97.46 Lakh
8.	Odisha	Preparation of Compendium on Traditional Tribal Medicine.
9.	Maharashtra	Research and Documentation of Traditional Healing Practices of Tribal Communities in Maharashtra. Fund sanctioned : Rs. 70.00 Lakh
10.	Manipur	Research Study on Medicinal Herbs & Plants - Tribal Medicine Tribal Medicine and Healing Practices
11.	Tamil Nadu	Tribal Research Centre Conducted a Medicinal Plants Workshop for Tribal Medicinal experts
12.	Tripura	Traditional Medicinal Practices, Medicinal Plants and Herbs of Tripura Fund sanctioned : Rs. 3.00 Lakh

13.	Central Council for Research In Homoeopathy (CCRH), New Delhi .	A pilot project of integrating Homoeopathy and Yoga in the National Program for the Prevention of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases, and Stroke (NPCDCS) at two tribal districts (Sambalpur, Odisha and Nasik, Maharashtra)
14.	Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Science (CCRAS), New Delhi	Medico Ethno Botanical Survey Project

Under the scheme ‘Tribal Festival Research Information Education, Communication and Events (TRI-ECE)’, Ministry of Tribal Affairs has sanctioned projects to renowned Institutes for research on Tribal medicinal practices and medicinal plants. The details are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the Institute	Project details
1.	National Institute of pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Guwahati	a) Documentation of traditional health care practices, traditional medicines and to enable research b) To validate the traditional medicinal knowledge used by tribal population for treating cardio-metabolic diseases Fund sanctioned : Rs. 40.00 Lakh
2.	Pravara Institute of Medical Science, Loni.	Survey for Identification, Enlisting of Traditional Tribal Healers, Study, Documentation and testing of Tribal Health Traditions, Tribal Medicine (Healing Practices and Ethno-Medicine) of different Tribal Communities in State of Maharashtra. Fund sanctioned : Rs. 195.00 Lakh
3.	Patanjali Research Institute, Haridwar	Traditional Medicine and healing practices. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Demographic and Socio-economic Information of Tribal Community through Digital Support with Geo-tagging. b. Survey of Government Schemes and their actual beneficiaries’ details. c. Diseases-wise Collection of Ethno-medicinal Information from traditional healers. d. Collection, Herbarium preparation and identification of plants from different tribal regions. e. Documentation of medicinal information of plants with Research Review Approach. f. Documentation of different works of Tribal Artisans. g. Herbal Monograph preparation of selected important medicinal plants.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> h. Research profiling of traditional medicinal plants of Tribal Communities. i. Guidance, Coordination and Training of tribal traditional healers. j. Livelihood support system to the tribal communities through beekeeping, agriculture and traditional arts. k. E-Commerce platform and Web-portal for Livelihood Support <p>Fund sanctioned : Rs. 312.40 Lakh</p>
4.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Study of epistemology of traditional knowledge & practice of local/traditional healers of district Sirohi, Rajasthan. b. Effect of the region-specific module for the training and capacity building on behavioral change among traditional healers of district Sirohi, Rajasthan. c. Piloting of telemedicine with special reference to health needs of indigenous habitats of district Sirohi, Rajasthan. <p>Fund sanctioned : Rs. 49.62 Lakh</p>
