

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4898
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST MARCH 2023**

CONSERVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS IN MAHARASHTRA

4898. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

WILL THE MINISTER OF AYUSH BE PLEASED TO STATE:

- (a) the measures taken by the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) for the conservation, development and management of medicinal plants in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of such projects supported by NMPB in the State of Maharashtra;
- (c) the total area in terms of hectares supported for cultivation, the number of nurseries, post-harvest management units and processing units or rural district collection centres set up in the State of Maharashtra; and
- (d) the number of Regional cum Facilitation Centres set up by NMPB in the State of Maharashtra?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a) & (b): The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush since 2008-09 is implementing “Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” throughout the country including state of Maharashtra. Under the scheme, the project based support is provided for following activities:

- (i) *In-situ* conservation through development of Medicinal Plants Conservation and Development Areas (MPCDAs).
- (ii) *In-situ/Ex-situ* resource augmentation.
- (iii) Livelihood linkages with Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) / Panchayats / Van Panchayats / Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) / Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- (iv) *Ex-situ* conservation through establishment of herbal gardens.
- (v) IEC activities like Training / workshops / Seminars/ Conferences etc.
- (vi) Research & Development.

- (vii) Promotion of marketing and trade of medicinal plants produce.

The number of projects supported by NMPB on above activities in state of Maharashtra are given below:

Activities	Number of projects supported
In-situ conservation through MPCDAs, <i>In-situ/Ex-situ</i> resource augmentation	25
Livelihood linkages with Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) / Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) etc.	2
Herbal Gardens	23
IEC activities	16
Research & Development	14
Promotion of Marketing and Trade	1

(c): To promote the cultivation of medicinal plants, the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India had implemented Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) during financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21 throughout the country including state of Maharashtra. As per the scheme guidelines, the support was provided for following activities:

- Cultivation of prioritized medicinal plants on farmer's land.
- Establishment of nurseries with backward linkages for raising and supply of quality planting material.
- Post-harvest management with forward linkages.
- Primary processing, marketing infrastructure etc.

The area for cultivation of medicinal plants, number of nurseries, post-harvest management unit, semi / processing units and rural / district collection centre supported in state of Maharashtra under "Medicinal Plants" component of National Ayush Mission (NAM) scheme during the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21 is given below:

S. No.	Activities	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	TOTAL
1.	Cultivation (Area in hectare)	327	0	444	0	520	0	1291
2.	Number of Nurseries	0	0	2	0	4	0	06
3.	Post-Harvest Management Units	0	0	2	0	8	0	10
4.	Processing Units	0	0	1	0	1	0	02
5.	Rural Collection Centres	0	0	1	0	0	0	01

(d): As per Scheme guideline provision of Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants, the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush has supported one Regional Cum Facilitation Centre (RCFC) on project mode for Western Region in Department of Botany, Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), Ganeshkhind, Pune, Maharashtra to covers the states of Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu.