## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 567 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023

### **Promotion of Medicinal plants**

#### 567. SHRI DULAL CHANDRA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to set up any institution in North Eastern Bihar in coordination with the Ministry of Ayush for environmental conservation/ preservation and Production/ promotion of Medicinal plants;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to set up a biodiversity park for the protection of wildlife in coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture to promote plantation of Medicinal and fruit bearing plants to prevent the extinction of animal and bird species due to lack of food supply; and
- (d) if so the details thereof;

#### **ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) and (b). Ministry has not proposed setting up of any Institutions in coordination with Ministry of Ayush for environmental conservation/ preservation and Production/ promotion of Medicinal plants. However, the Government has established CSIR-Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CSIR-CIMAP), Lucknow for cultivation, bioprospection, chemical characterization, extraction, and formulation of bioactive phytomolecules and National Research Centre for Medicinal & Aromatic Plants (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) at Boriavi in Anand District of Gujarat for enhancing productivity of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants through Good Agricultural Practices and organic farming technologies.
- (c) and (d). The Ministry has not proposed setting up any biodiversity parks in coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture for the protection of wildlife. However, the Ministry has declared eighteen (18) Biosphere Reserves and 567 Wildlife Sanctuaries in country for protection of wildlife.

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