

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1141

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‘Pradhan Mantri AYUSH VrikshYojana’

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features and objectives of the Pradhan Mantri AYUSH VrikshYojana;
- (b) the funds allocated under the said scheme, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any plan under the scheme for Jharkhand;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the qualitative production of medicinal plants and herbs?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AYUSH

(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a to d) Ministry of Ayush, Government of India had formulated a draft scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri VRIKSH AYUSH Yojana” to boost the cultivation, production and to establish post-harvest management infrastructure & marketing of medicinal plants in the country. Draft scheme on PM Vriksh Ayush Yojana is withdrawn and further, it has been decided not to proceed with the proposal.

(e) The National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of AYUSH is presently implementing Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants under which there is a provision to provide project based financial support for establishing nursery and development of Quality Planting Material throughout the country. NMPB has supported Ninety Five (95) number of projects for the development of Quality Planting Material from 2017-18 to 2022-23 in various states throughout the country.

In addition, the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush under its "Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants" has established Regional Cum Facilitation Centres (RCFCs) within the existing Government Departments / Institutions (like Institution of ICAR, CSIR, ICFRE, Universities, AYUSH Institutions etc.) in various eco- regions of the country. To these RCFCs, the NMPB, Ministry of Ayush is also providing financial assistance for development of Quality Planting Material (QPM) of medicinal plants and herbs in different Agro-climatic zone and distribute thereof to farmers and other stakeholders for promotion of cultivation.

Further, National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of AYUSH also supports projects under integrated component namely "Forward and backward linkage in supply chain of medicinal plants" in the existing Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants to encourage the farmers by providing the facilities like nursery to raise the quality planting material/seeds, infrastructure for post-harvest management, value addition, marketing, sensitization programmes for skill development, certification for quality raw material in a synergistic manner.