

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1946
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2019**

AYURVEDIC HERBS COLLECTION CENTRES

1946. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

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

- (a) whether there is a huge demand for indigenous herbs across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details and number of such Ayurvedic herbs storage and collection centres across the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to increase the number of such centres in the country especially in the hilly areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which such centres are likely to be set up?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a): Yes, there is huge demand for indigenous herbs/ medicinal plants across the country. As per study conducted by National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India on Demand & Supply of medicinal plants in the country, the annual consumption of indigenous herbs/ medicinal plants is about 5 Lakh Metric Tonnes in 2014-15.

(b) to (d): Under 'Medicinal Plants' component of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM), the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India has been supporting various activities relating to cultivation, Post-Harvest Management and marketing of medicinal plants/herbs throughout the country including hilly areas. Under 'Medicinal Plants' component of NAM Scheme there is also a provision to provide support for Storage Godowns/ Drying Sheds and establishing Herbs Collection Centres at the Village/District/State level based on the State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) submitted by concerned State.

The State/UTs-wise detail of Storage Godowns/ Drying Sheds and Herbs Collection Centres supported under the NAM scheme till date is at **Annexure -I**.

In addition to above, the Ministry of AYUSH under its "*Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants*" also provide project based support to Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs)/Block Management Committees (BMCs) etc. for creation of facilities like Storage Godowns, Drying Sheds for value addition of medicinal plants material. The State/UT-wise detail of Storage Godowns/ Drying Sheds supported to JFMCs/ BMCs etc. during last five years is at **Annexure – II**.

Annexure -I

The State/UT-wise detail of Storage Godowns/ Drying Sheds and Herbs Collection Centres supported under ‘Medicinal Plants’ component of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (2015-16 to till date):

S. No.	State	Number of Storage Godowns/ Drying Sheds	Number of Herbs Collection Centres
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12	1
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	-
3.	Assam	25	5
4.	Bihar	14	-
5.	Chhattisgarh	10	2
6.	Goa	1	-
7.	Gujarat	12	3
8.	Himachal Pradesh	13	-
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	5	1
10.	Karnataka	13	-
11.	Kerala	2	2
12.	Madhya Pradesh	54	1
13.	Maharashtra	10	1
14.	Manipur	4	2
15.	Meghalaya	4	1
16.	Mizoram	2	1
17.	Nagaland	1	-
18.	Odisha	2	-
19.	Puducherry	1	-
20.	Punjab	4	-
21.	Rajasthan	18	5
22.	Tamil Nadu	4	-
23.	Telangana	1	6
24.	Tripura	3	-
25.	Uttarakhand	13	-
26.	Uttar Pradesh	58	8
27.	West Bengal	34	1
TOTAL		321	40

Annexure- II

The State/UT-wise detail of Storage Godowns/ Drying Sheds supported to JFMCs/BMCs etc. under Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants during last five years (2014-15 to 2018-19)

S. No.	State	Number of Storage Godowns / Drying Sheds Supported to JFMCs/BMCs etc.
1.	Chhattisgarh	14
2.	Gujarat	7
3.	Karnataka	52
4.	Kerala	52
5.	Maharashtra	10
6.	Manipur	2
7.	Odisha	15
8.	Punjab	91
9.	Sikkim	35
10.	Tamil Nadu	8
11.	West Bengal	30
Total		316