GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3460 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH DECEMBER, 2019

CULTIVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS IN UTTARAKHAND

3460. SHRI AJAY TAMTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start any program/scheme to promote cultivation of medicinal plants in Himalayan States particularly in Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote farming of medicinal plants in mountainous States which can help create employment and mitigate the migration of people from this region;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any program is likely to be formulated to impart training to youths/ farmers in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): Subject related to Cultivation of Medicinal plant comes under National Medicinal Plant Board, Ministry of AYUSH.

As per the reply received from National Medicinal Plant Board; presently, the Ministry of AYUSH is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) since 2015-16 under which there is a component on 'Medicinal Plants' which primarily aimed at promoting cultivation of medicinal plants in identified cluster/zones with in the States/ UTs including Mountain states/ Himalayan states including Uttarakhand. The scheme implemented in a mission mode through growers, farmers, cultivators, Growers Associations, Federations, Self Help Groups, Corporates and Growers Co-operatives through synergistic linkage with production and supply of quality planting material, processing, quality testing, certification, warehousing and marketing to fulfil the demands of the Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani & Homoeopathy (ASU& H) industries. Subsidy is provided for cultivation, depending upon the status of availability and market demand as per operational guidelines of the Scheme. Under NAM scheme Ministry of AYUSH has supported cultivation of medicinal plants in the Himalayan states.

The details are at Annexure – I.

(e) & (f): Under NAM scheme financial support is also provided for flexi component. Under flexi component, Ministry of AYUSH has supported Market promotion, market intervention, along with training of farmers to make the farmers aware about cultivation of medicinal plants.

Under the above said scheme, so far a total 45 training programmes have been supported in different States.

Cultivation area of medicinal plants in Himalayan states supported under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) of Ministry of AYUSH Area (in hectare)

	Area (in hect						
S.No.	State Name	2015- 16	2016- 17	2017- 18	2018- 19	2019- 20	Total
1	Jammu & Kashmir	9	34	21	24	28	116
2	Himachal Pradesh	39	120	7	0	70	236
3	Uttarakhand	153	148	182.53	110	208	801.53
4	Arunachal Pradesh	0	142.4	71	9	44	266.4
5	Assam	0	261	224.6	138	0	623.6
6	Manipur	142.2	242	142	60	30	616.2
7	Meghalaya	0	48	22	0	108	178
8	Mizoram	59.28	27	65	187	6	344.28
9	Nagaland	51	138	250	102.5	0	541.5
10	Sikkim	63	32	84	0	0	179
11	Tripura	45	0	0	210.6	77	332.6
GRAND TOTAL		561	1192	1069	841	571	4235
