

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 981  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020**

**HERBAL PLANTS**

**981. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any programmes/schemes to ensure adequate availability of herbal plants in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any special policy/schemes to promote the farming of special type of herbal plants suitable in the specific regions of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the norms of this policy;
- (d) whether the Government has taken steps to create awareness about farming of herbal plants among the farmers in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH is presently implementing following schemes to ensure adequate availability of herbal plants throughout the country:

1. Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM). Under 'Medicinal Plants' component of the NAM scheme the large scale farming / cultivation of medicinal plants is being supported. As per the scheme guidelines, the support is provided for:
  - (i) Cultivation of prioritized medicinal plants on farmer's land.
  - (ii) Establishment of nurseries for supply of quality planting material.
  - (iii) Post-harvest management.
  - (iv) Primary processing, marketing infrastructure etc.

2. Central Sector Scheme on “Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants”. 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) *Ex-situ* conservation through establishment of herbal gardens.
- (iv) Livelihood linkages with Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) / Panchayats / Van Panchayats / Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) / Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- (v) IEC activities like Training / workshops / Seminars/ Conferences etc.
- (vi) Research & Development.
- (vii) Promotion of marketing and trade of medicinal plants produce.

Under the NAM scheme, Ministry of AYUSH has approved an amount of **Rs. 18,944.36 lakhs** for implementation of medicinal plants component activities throughout the country and has supported **48,379 hectare** area, **56,711** farmers and **81** species of medicinal plants across the country from 2015-16 to 2019-20. The detail is given at **Annexure**.

(b) & (c): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme (NAM) is implemented through the identified implementing agency of concerned state (generally State Agriculture / Horticulture Departments) and the financial assistance is provided as per the State Annual Action Plan approved by ministry of AYUSH to the concerned State. As per scheme guidelines, the financial assistance to North Eastern and hilly State of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jammu & Kashmir is provided in the ratio of 90:10, where as in other states it is shared in the ratio of 60:40 between Central and State Government as per norms given below:

- 75% subsidy for cultivation of medicinal plants which are highly endangered.
- 50% subsidy for cultivation of medicinal plants where sources of supply are critically declining.
- 30% subsidy for cultivation of other medicinal plants species which need support.

(d) & (e): Under the flexi component of NAM scheme Ministry of AYUSH supports trainings, workshop / seminars / buyer seller meet, market promotion, buy back intervention, exposure visit, market intelligence etc. Till now, Ministry of AYUSH has supported 45 training programs on Good Agriculture Practices in states / UTs to create awareness among farmers about cultivation of medicinal plants.

The NMPB has also supported 83 awareness/ capacity building/ Training programs under its Central Sector Scheme on “Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants”.

## Annexure

**Fund Released and Area Covered under National AYUSH Mission Scheme (Medicinal Plants Component) from 2015-16 to 2019-20)**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Fund released (Rs. In lakhs)</b>	<b>Area covered in hectare</b>	<b>No. of farmers</b>	<b>No. of species</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	1240.306	4703.31	27336	21
2	Arunachal Pradesh	140.749	266.4	0	10
3	Assam	702.611	623.6	0	35
4	Bihar	287.201	175	0	7
5	Chhattisgarh	438.7	400	0	27
6	Goa	102.739	113.22	0	3
7	Gujarat	848.014	936.3	3182	26
8	Haryana	120.867	419.8	0	11
9	Himachal Pradesh	500.287	236	0	12
10	Jammu & Kashmir	345.887	116	41	11
11	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0
12	Karnataka	865.379	2825.9	0	18
13	Kerala	717.413	1938.5	453	29
14	Madhya Pradesh	2104.894	8281	7399	11
15	Maharashtra	969.991	1290.43	2917	19
16	Manipur	337.082	616.2	1512	15
17	Meghalaya	181.524	178	24	20
18	Mizoram	243.555	344.28	1951	15
19	Nagaland	265.883	541.5	577	6
20	Orissa	278.862	866.504	0	8
21	Puducherry	18.8	598	45	8
22	Punjab	339.033	50.27	0	11
23	Rajasthan	1881.41	4112.5	1844	28
24	Sikkim	87.417	179	0	6
25	Tamil Nadu	1104.307	3931	3605	14
26	Telangana	731.463	332.6	836	14
27	Tripura	83.944	1674.18	438	3
28	Uttarakhand	461.65	10064.4	3251	12
29	Uttar Pradesh	2409.408	801.53	0	19
30	West Bengal	1134.985	1763.8	1300	22
<b>Total</b>		<b>18944.36</b>	<b>48379</b>	<b>56711</b>	