

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 153  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022**

**CULTIVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS**

**\*153. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:  
SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:**

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of farmers who cultivate medicinal plants by availing subsidy scheme for growing 140 prioritized plants is very low and if so, the details thereof including the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to publicize and popularize the medicinal plants component under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) among farmers in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the development of cultivation clusters for medicinal plants?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,  
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)**

**(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 153\* FOR 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022**

(a) No, Sir, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India under medicinal plants component of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) had provided financial assistance in form of subsidy to encourage the farmers for cultivation of medicinal plants throughout the country from the F.Y. 2015-16 to 2020-21. The cultivation activities were implemented through the identified implementing agency of concerned state as per the State Annual Action Plan approved for concerned State.

Under the same scheme, 140 medicinal plants species have been prioritized for supporting cultivation throughout the country for which the subsidy was provided to farmers @30%, @50% and 75% of cost of cultivation. Till date, Ministry of Ayush has supported 59,350 farmers for cultivation of 84 medicinal plants species and covered 56,305 hectare area throughout the country from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21. The state-wise detail of farmers and area covered under cultivation is given at **Annexure – I& II**.

(b) Ministry of Ayush has published the scheme guideline entitled “National AYUSH Mission” which was distributed among the farmers / stakeholders / collectors through concerned State Implementing Agencies. The scheme is also available on the website of National Medicinal Plants Board ([www.nmpb.nic.in](http://www.nmpb.nic.in)) and Ministry of Ayush ([www.ayush.gov.in](http://www.ayush.gov.in)).

To popularize the medicinal plants component under National Ayush Mission (NAM) among farmers in the country, Ministry of Ayush has supported 235 number of seminars/ workshops / Buyer-seller meet / Exposure visits on cultivation practices under flexi component to the concerned Implementing Agencies. The detail of activities supported under flexi component is given at **Annexure – III**.

(c) To encourage the development of cultivation cluster for medicinal plants, under ‘Medicinal Plants’ component of the NAM scheme, there was a provision for creation of clusters of farmers having minimum 2 hectare of land for cultivation of selected medicinal plants within a radius of not more than 15 km.

Till date, subsidy for 2,685 number of clusters have been supported by Ministry of Ayush throughout the country from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21. The state-wise detail of clusters is given at **Annexure – IV**.

**Annexure – I**

**No. of farmers supported for cultivation of medicinal plants under Medicinal Plants Component of “National AYUSH Mission” (NAM) Scheme, Ministry of Ayush from the F.Y. 2015-16 to 2020-21.**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Total no. of farmers</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	12859
2	Arunachal Pradesh	72
3	Assam	-
4	Bihar	-
5	Chhattisgarh	-
6	Goa	12
7	Gujarat	2659
8	Haryana	100
9	Himachal Pradesh	425
10	Jammu & Kashmir	41
11	Karnataka	1948
12	Kerala	801
13	Madhya Pradesh	11716
14	Maharashtra	2917
15	Manipur	1512
16	Meghalaya	24
17	Mizoram	506
18	Nagaland	577
19	Orissa	1636
20	Puducherry	-
21	Punjab	45
22	Rajasthan	1683
23	Sikkim	194
24	Tamil Nadu	7734
25	Telangana	2102
26	Tripura	438
27	Uttarakhand	1819
28	Uttar Pradesh	6381
29	West Bengal	1149
	<b>Total</b>	<b>59350</b>

**Note:** As per information received from the concerned State Implementing Agencies.

(-) Represent - information not received from the State.

**Annexure-II**

**Area supported for cultivation of medicinal plants under medicinal plants component of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) scheme from the F.Y. 2015-16 to 2020-21.**

(Area in hectare)

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	447	1160	897	508	1338	-	<b>4350</b>
2	Arunachal Pradesh	-	142	71	9	44	98	<b>364</b>
3	Assam	-	261	225	138	-	-	<b>624</b>
4	Bihar	-	-	-	-	175	-	<b>175</b>
5	Chhattisgarh	-	220	72	108	-	-	<b>400</b>
6	Goa	-	23	30	30	30	-	<b>113</b>
7	Gujarat	141	192	85	518	-	-	<b>936</b>
8	Haryana	175	245	-	-	-	-	<b>420</b>
9	Himachal Pradesh	39	120	7	-	70	-	<b>236</b>
10	Jammu & Kashmir	9	34	21	24	28	25	<b>141</b>
11	Karnataka	529	706	769	469	353	1100	<b>3926</b>
12	Kerala	258	535	736	410	-	330	<b>2269</b>
13	Madhya Pradesh	1681	2518	2030	1262	790	4270	<b>12551</b>
14	Maharashtra	327	-	444	-	520	-	<b>1290</b>
15	Manipur	142	242	142	60	30	-	<b>616</b>
16	Meghalaya	-	48	22	-	108	-	<b>178</b>
17	Mizoram	59	27	65	187	6	29	<b>373</b>
18	Nagaland	51	138	250	103	-	210	<b>752</b>
19	Orissa	-	489	-	378	-	-	<b>867</b>
20	Puducherry	-	43	-	2	5	-	<b>50</b>
21	Punjab	-	242	-	16	340	-	<b>598</b>
22	Rajasthan	330	1163	1341	519	760	-	<b>4113</b>
23	Sikkim	63	32	84	-	-	58	<b>237</b>
24	Tamil Nadu	633	960	673	765	900	-	<b>3931</b>
25	Telangana	345	294	457	237	341	-	<b>1674</b>
26	Tripura	45	-	-	211	-	-	<b>256</b>
27	Uttarakhand	153	148	183	110	208	-	<b>802</b>
28	Uttar Pradesh	3188	1898	1345	3633	-	2236	<b>12300</b>
29	West Bengal	107	230	417	261	748	-	<b>1763</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8722</b>	<b>12109</b>	<b>10366</b>	<b>9958</b>	<b>6794</b>	<b>8356</b>	<b>56305</b>

(-) Represent - fund not released to the State.

## Annexure-III

**State-wise detail of IEC activities (seminars/ workshops / Buyer-seller meet / Exposure visits) supported under Medicinal Plants Component of “National AYUSH Mission” (NAM) Scheme, Ministry of AYUSH from the F.Y. 2015-16 to 2020-21.**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	-	2	1	4	5	-	12
2	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
3	Assam	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
4	Bihar	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
5	Chhattisgarh	-	1	1	4	-	-	6
6	Goa	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
7	Gujarat	-	-	3	6	-	-	9
8	Haryana	-	6	-	-	-	-	6
9	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
10	Jammu & Kashmir	-	-	-	1	2	1	4
11	Karnataka	-	-	3	1	8	2	14
12	Kerala	-	3	2	-	-	-	5
13	Madhya Pradesh	-	3	13	24	12	12	64
14	Maharashtra	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
15	Manipur	-	-	1	2	-	-	3
16	Meghalaya	-	-	3	-	1	-	4
17	Mizoram	-	-	1	5	2	2	10
18	Nagaland	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
19	Orissa	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
20	Puducherry	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
21	Punjab	-	2	-	3	5	-	10
22	Rajasthan	-	1	6	7	4	-	18
23	Sikkim	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
24	Tamil Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
25	Telangana	-	4	2	2	4	-	12
26	Tripura	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
27	Uttarakhand	-	1	1	-	1	-	3
28	Uttar Pradesh	-	-	1	17	-	14	32
29	West Bengal	-	-	2	2	2	-	6
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>235</b>

**Note:** As per information received from the concerned State Implementing Agencies.

**Annexure-IV**

**No. of Clusters supported under Medicinal Plants Component of “National AYUSH Mission” (NAM) Scheme, Ministry of AYUSH from the F.Y. 2015-16 to 2020-21.**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	654
2	Arunachal Pradesh	24
3	Assam	34
4	Bihar	20
5	Chhattisgarh	20
6	Goa	6
7	Gujarat	258
8	Haryana	4
9	Himachal Pradesh	14
10	Jammu & Kashmir	6
11	Karnataka	70
12	Kerala	42
13	Madhya Pradesh	206
14	Maharashtra	94
15	Manipur	103
16	Meghalaya	18
17	Mizoram	25
18	Nagaland	73
19	Orissa	28
20	Puducherry	3
21	Punjab	10
22	Rajasthan	336
23	Sikkim	-
24	Tamil Nadu	170
25	Telangana	150
26	Tripura	65
27	Uttarakhand	189
28	Uttar Pradesh	40
29	West Bengal	23
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2685</b>

**Note:** As per information received from the concerned State Implementing Agencies.

(-) Represent - information not received from the State.