

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4860  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2022**

**HERBAL HERITAGE TREES**

**4860. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:**

Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any statistics on the number of herbal heritage trees available across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State / area-wise;
- (c) the details of top 20 trees with herbal presence, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of funds provided and utilized along with the number of herbal saplings planted as on date, State-wise for maintaining clean and healthy environment?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF AYUSH  
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a) to (c): The Government has no such statistics on the number of herbal trees available across the county.

However, as per information received from the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Culture initiated a drive of “Sankalp Parva” from 28th June to 12th July 2020 with objective to create clean/ healthy environment of the country. The Ministry of Culture recommended to plant saplings of five trees viz (i) Bargad (ii) Amla (iii) Peepal (iv) Ashok (v) Bel which were identified as herbal heritage of the country. During this drive total 11,442 saplings were planted with the initiative of Ministry of Culture and its Attached, Subordinate offices and Autonomous Organizations in office premises or wherever possible.

The NMPB, Ministry of Ayush under its “Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” provides support to State

Forest Departments for plantation/resources augmentation of medicinal plants which includes tree species viz. *Phyllanthus embelica* (Amla), *Saraca asoca* (Ashok), *Aegle marmelos* (Bel), *Terminalia bellerica* (Behada), *Terminalia chebula* (Harar), *Azadirachta indica* (Neem), *Terminalia arjuna* (Arjun), *Taxus wallichiana* (Rakhal), *Zanthoxylum armatum* (Timur), *Mesua ferrea* (Nagkesar), *Oroxylum indicum* (Syonak), *Pterocarpus marsupium* (Beejasar), *Pterocarpus santalinus* (Rakta chandana), *Pongamia pinnata* (Karanj), *Santalum album* (Chandan), *Gmelina arborea* (Gambhari), *Acacia catechu* (Katha), *Cinnamomum tamla* (Tejpat), *Garcinia pedunculata* (Amalbeda), *Cinnamomum verum* (Dalchini) etc.

- (d): As per information received from Ministry of Culture, no separate fund was allocated to drive “ Sankalp Parva” for maintaining clean and healthy environment. However, under “Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” of NMPB, Ministry of Ayush a total of Rs. 12,286.38/- lakh released and Rs. 10,003.01/- lakh utilized for plantation/resource augmentation of medicinal plants during the last five years.

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