

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. † 599
ANSWERED ON 04th February, 2022**

IDENTIFICATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS AND RARE HERBS

†599. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to identify medicinal plants and rare species of herbs in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes Sir, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an apex body under Ministry of AYUSH has conducted Medico Ethno Botanical Survey (MEBS) in Nagpur, Bhandar, Wardha, Amrawati, Chandrapur, Allapalli, Bhamragad, Gondia, West Melghat, Gadchiroli, Buldana, Yavatmal, Pusad, Akola, Vidarbha, Shahapur, Jawahar and Thane forest divisions of Maharashtra.

(b) & (c): The outcomes of Medico Ethno Botanical Survey programme (MEBS) of CCRAS has been published in the form of Book entitled “Medicinal Plants of Nagpur and Wardha Forest Divisions, Maharashtra”. This book comprises the details of 300 plant species which are of medicinal importance along with Sanskrit / local names with brief description of the plants, flowering and fruiting season and medicinal uses. The folk medicinal uses of some plants are also included.

Also, the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH through its “Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” provides project based assistance for Survey, inventorization, *in-situ* conservation, Resource Augmentation of medicinal plants in forest areas and *ex-situ* conservation by the establishment of Herbal Gardens etc. throughout the country.