

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 88  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2022**

**CULTIVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS/HERBS**

**\*88. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:**

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) has formulated any new scheme/policy to boost the cultivation and production of medicinal plants and herbs in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for development of good quality planting material of medicinal plants and herbs in different agroclimatic zones?

**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  
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**(a) & (b) Yes,** Ministry of Ayush, Government of India had formulated a draft scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Vriksh Ayush Yojana” to boost the cultivation and production of medicinal plants and herbs in the country. The scheme aimed to promote Cultivation of Medicinal Plant, Post-harvest management and Marketing support by involving farmers and the AYUSH industry.

The activities related to cultivation of medicinal plants and herbs have been finalised in consultation with Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. Hence, the competent authority has decided to withdraw the Cabinet Note on PM Vriksh Ayush Yojana in the present form.

**c):** The National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of AYUSH is presently implementing Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants under which there is a provision to provide project based financial support for establishing nursery and development of Quality Planting Material throughout the country. State/UTs-wise number of projects supported under Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants for development of Quality Planting Material from the financial year 2016-17 to 2021-22 is given at **Annexure-I.**

In addition, the National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of AYUSH through its Regional Cum Facilitation Centres (RCFCs) is also providing financial and technical assistance to farmers/other stakeholders for development of Quality Planting Material of medicinal plants and herbs in different States. The details of Quality Planting Material (QPM) of Medicinal Plants species developed through Regional Cum Facilitation Centres (RCFCs) projects of NMPB for promoting cultivation of medicinal plants since inception of RCFCs i.e from the financial year 2017-18 to 2021-22 are given at **Annexure-II.**

Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India had also implemented the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the National AYUSH Mission (NAM) from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21. Details of State/ UT-wise 188 nurseries supported under the Medicinal Plants component of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) scheme from the financial year 2016-17 to 2020-21 are given at **Annexure – III.**

**Annexure-I**

**State/UTs-wise number of projects supported under Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants for development of Quality Planting Material from the financial year 2016-17 to 2021-22.**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>No of Projects</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2
3.	Assam	3
4.	Delhi	2
5.	Goa	1
6.	Gujarat	2
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
9.	Karnataka	2
10.	Kerala	3
11.	Maharashtra	3
12.	Manipur	2
13.	Mizoram	1
14.	Nagaland	2
15.	Odisha	2
16.	Punjab	4
17.	Rajasthan	2
18.	Sikkim	1
19.	Tamil Nadu	2
20.	Telangana	7
21.	Uttar Pradesh	6
22.	Uttarakhand	1
23.	West Bengal	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>

The details of Quality Planting Material (QPM) of Medicinal Plants species developed through Regional Cum Facilitation Centres (RCFCs) projects of NMPB for promoting cultivation of medicinal plants since inception of RCFCs i.e from the financial year 2017-18 to 2021-22.

Sl. No.	Regional Cum Facilitation Centres (RCFCs)	States / UTs covered	Number of QPM Developed
1.	<b>RCFC (Northern Region – I)</b> , Research Institute in Indian System of Medicine, Department of Ayurveda, Joginder Nagar, Himachal Pradesh	Chandigarh Delhi Haryana Himachal Pradesh Punjab Uttarakhand Uttar Pradesh	953880
2.	<b>RCFC (Northern Region – II)</b> , Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir, Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu & Kashmir Ladakh	960068
3.	<b>RCFC (Central Region)</b> , State Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh	Chhattisgarh Madhya Pradesh	467074
4.	<b>RCFC (Eastern Region)</b> , Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal	Bihar Jharkhand Odisha Sikkim West Bengal	1304291
5.	<b>RCFC (Southern Region)</b> , Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi, Kerala	Andaman & Nicobar Andhra Pradesh Karnataka Kerala Lakshadweep Puducherry Tamil Nadu Telangana	2690670
6.	<b>RCFC (North Eastern Region)</b> , Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam	Arunachal Pradesh Assam	8200
	<b>RCFC (North Eastern Region)</b> , Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - North East Institute of Science & Technology (CSIR–NEIST), Jorhat, Assam	Manipur Meghalaya Mizoram Nagaland Tripura	531063
7.	<b>RCFC (Western Region)</b> , Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Maharashtra	Goa, Gujarat Maharashtra Rajasthan Dadra & Nagar Haveli Daman & Diu	493606
<b>Total</b>			<b>74,08,852</b>

**Annexure-III**

**Detail of State/ UT-wise no. of nurseries supported under the Medicinal Plants component of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) scheme from the financial year 2016-17 to 2020-21.**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</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	9	4	4	3	0	<b>20</b>
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	1	1	3	0	<b>5</b>
3	Assam	1	3	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
4	Bihar	0	0	0	7	0	<b>7</b>
5	Chhattisgarh	1	2	2	0	0	<b>5</b>
6	Goa	1	1	0	2	0	<b>4</b>
7	Gujarat	4	2	3	0	0	<b>9</b>
8	Haryana	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	2	3	3	0	<b>8</b>
10	Jammu & Kashmir	2	2	4	1	2	<b>11</b>
11	Karnataka	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
12	Kerala	2	2	2	0	10	<b>16</b>
13	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
14	Maharashtra	0	2	0	4	0	<b>6</b>
15	Manipur	0	1	2	1	0	<b>4</b>
16	Meghalaya	2	3	0	2	0	<b>7</b>
17	Mizoram	3	2	2	1	1	<b>9</b>
18	Nagaland	0	4	3	0	0	<b>7</b>
19	Orissa	0	0	3	0	0	<b>3</b>
20	Puducherry	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
21	Punjab	2	0	3	6	0	<b>11</b>
22	Rajasthan	1	4	0	7	0	<b>12</b>
23	Sikkim	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
24	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
25	Telangana	2	2	1	3	0	<b>8</b>
26	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
27	Uttarakhand	2	0	0	3	0	<b>5</b>
28	Uttar Pradesh	5	0	1	0	10	<b>16</b>
29	West Bengal	0	1	2	4	0	<b>7</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>188</b>