

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2245
ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY 2022**

‘CONSERVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS’

**†2245. SHRI DURGA DAS (D.D.) UIKEY:
SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:
SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:
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SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:
DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:**

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

- (a) the details of efforts being made by the Government to conserve the natural and wild medicinal plants and herbs;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to set up Medicinal Plants Conservation Centres at district level in the future, including Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of special efforts being made by the Government for promoting natural medicine system and farming of medicinal plants and herbs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) : The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush is presently implementing “Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” throughout the country. Under this scheme, project based support is provided to State Forest Department for conservation of medicinal plants / herbs in their natural habitats by way of establishing Medicinal Plants Conservation and Development Areas (MPCDAs). The State / UT-wise number of Medicinal Plants Conservation and Development Areas (MPCDAs) supported in the country is at **Annexure - 1**.

(b) : The Ministry of Ayush has no such proposal to set up Medicinal Plants Conservation Centres at district level in future.

(c) & (d) : The Ministry of Ayush under its IEC Scheme takes up initiatives for propagation and promotion of Ayush systems of medicine by organizing Arogya fairs / Melas, Conferences, Exhibitions, Seminars, Workshops, Symposium and also undertaking publicity through electronic multimedia, print media campaigning for awareness amongst the citizens all over the country.

To promote farming of medicinal plants and herbs in the country, the NMPB, Ministry of Ayush under its “Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” provides project based assistance to various Government & Non-Government organizations for establishing nurseries and development of Quality Planting Material (QPM) of medicinal plants / herbs. Under the scheme support is also provided to organize Trainings/ Workshops on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Post Harvest Management (PHM).

Annexure - 1

The State / UT-wise number of Medicinal Plants Conservation and Development Areas (MPCDAs) supported under “Central Sector Scheme” of National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush, Government of India.

S. No.	State / UT	Number of MPCDAs Supported
1.	Gujarat	13
2.	Haryana	02
3.	Himachal Pradesh	05
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	03
5.	Karnataka	12
6.	Maharashtra	15
7.	Madhya Pradesh	11
8.	Manipur	03
9.	Mizoram	06
10.	Nagaland	07
11.	Orissa	01
12.	Rajasthan	02
13.	Sikkim	04
14.	Tripura	05
15.	Tamil Nadu	08
16.	Uttarakhand	01
17.	West Bengal	07
Total		105