

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4294
ANSWERED ON 20/12/2024**

“Support for Farmers of Medicinal Plants”

4294. Shri Aashtikar Patil Nagesh Bapurao:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has any AYUSH schemes to support farmers in Hingoli district in the State of Maharashtra engaged in the cultivation of medicinal plants used in AYUSH systems; and
- b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush, Government of India is implementing Central Sector Scheme on “Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” throughout the country including Maharashtra to promote cultivation of medicinal plants wherein following activities are supported:

- (i) Information Education & Communication (IEC) activities like Training / Workshops / Seminars/ Conferences etc.
- (ii) Establishment of nurseries.
- (iii) *In-situ* conservation / *Ex-situ* conservation.

- (iv) Livelihood linkages with Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) / Panchayats / Van Panchayats / Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) / Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- (v) Research & Development.
- (vi) Promotion, marketing and trade of medicinal plants produce.
- (vii) Forward and backward linkage in supply chain of medicinal plants (Integrated Component) under which the following activities are supported:
 - Infrastructure for Quality Planting Material to raise the planting material of medicinal plants for cultivation.
 - Information Education Communication (IEC) activities to aware the farmers.
 - Infrastructure for Post-Harvest Management and Marketing to increase the marketability of the medicinal plants, adding value to the produce, increasing profitability and reducing losses.
 - Quality Testing and Certification of raw material.

Beside this, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India had implemented Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) for cultivation of medicinal plants from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21 throughout the country including Maharashtra. Till date, Ministry of Ayush had released an amount of Rs. 581.994 lakh and supported 1291 hectare area under cultivation of medicinal plants, 6 nurseries, 10 post-harvest management units (storage / godown and drying shed), 2 processing units and 1 collection centre in Maharashtra. Detail is given at **Annexure**.

The detail of activities approved in Maharashtra under Medicinal Plants Component of National Ayush Mission (NAM) scheme from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21.

S. No.	Activities	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	TOTAL
1	Cultivation of Medicinal Plants (Area in hectare)	327	0	444	0	520	0	1291
2	Establishment of Nursery	0	0	2	0	4	0	6
3	Post-harvest Management	0	0	2	0	8	0	10
4	Processing Unit	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
5	Rural / District Collection Centres / Retail outlet	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
6	Fund released (Rs. in lakh)	123.526	0.00	213.005	0.00	245.463	0.00	581.994