

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 726
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024**

Establishment of Unani Research and Development

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to establish Unani Research and Development at Vaniyambadi in Vellore Parliamentary constituency in the State of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the effective measures taken by the Government to initiate medicinal plants and herbal farms to cultivate important medicinal plants and herbs in the Vellore region; and
- (c) the financial assistance provided by the Government during the last five years in this regard, year-wise?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) At present, the Ministry of Ayush has no proposal to establish Unani Research and Development at Vaniyambadi in Vellore Parliamentary Constituency in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(b) & (c) At present, National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush is not supporting financial assistance for cultivation/plantation of medicinal plants on farmers' land including Vellore region.

However, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India had implemented Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) to promote the cultivation of medicinal plants since 2015-16 to 2020-21. Under 'Medicinal Plants' component of the National Ayush Mission Scheme, market driven cultivation of 140 prioritized medicinal plants in identified clusters/zones was supported and implemented in a mission mode through selected State Implementing agencies throughout the country including Tamil Nadu. As per the scheme guidelines, the support was provided for:

- (i) Cultivation of prioritized medicinal plants on farmer's land.
- (ii) Establishment of nurseries with backward linkages for raising and supply of quality planting material.
- (iii) Post-harvest management with forwarding linkages.
- (iv) Primary processing, marketing infrastructure etc.

The scheme was implemented throughout the country including Tamil Nadu during the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21. Till date, Ministry of Ayush had released as a central share an amount of Rs. 662.576 Lakh and supported 3,931 hectare area under cultivation of medicinal plants, 04 post-harvest management units (storage /godown and drying shed) and 02 Demonstration plots in Tamil Nadu under medicinal plants component of National Ayush Mission (NAM) scheme from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21. The details of activities approved in Tamil Nadu under Medicinal Plants Component of National Ayush Mission (NAM) scheme from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21 are furnished at **Annexure**.

Annexure

The detail of activities approved in Tamil Nadu 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	Area covered under cultivation of medicinal plants (Area in hectare)	633	960	673	765	900	0	3931
2	No. of Post-Harvest Management units (in numbers)	0	0	0	0	04	0	04
3	Demonstration plots	0	0	0	0	02	0	02
4.	Fund released (Central Share) (Rs. in lakh)	86.534	151.627	136.965	103.853	183.597	0.00	662.576
