GOVEREMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AYUSH LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5666 ANSWERED ON 04TH APRIL, 2025

"Shatavari for Better Health"

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives and key focus areas of the nationwide species-specific campaign "Shatavari – For Better Health" launched by the Government and the manner in which it aligns with the Panch Pran Goal of Developed India;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to promote awareness about the medicinal benefits of Shatavari, particularly in improving women's health and well-being;
- (c) whether the Government has collaborated with research institutions and healthcare practitioners to conduct scientific studies on the efficacy of Shatavari in addressing women's health issues and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the measures being undertaken to ensure accessibility and affordability of Shatavari-based Ayurvedic medicines and supplements for the general public; and
- (e) the initiatives planned under the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) to support the cultivation, conservation and sustainable use of Shatavari across the country?

ANSWER

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

- (a & b) The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush, Government of India has recently (06.02.2025) launched "species-specific campaign on Shatavari- for better health" aligns with the Panch Pran Goal of Developed India. The tuberous roots of Shatavari plant are useful for women health. The main objective of this campaign is to create awareness about the health benefits of Shatavari among the public and promote usage of this potential medicinal plant throughout the country. Under the campaign there is provision to provide financial assistance for covering activities i.e. distribution of Shatavari saplings, Information Education and Communication (IEC) material and for organizing workshop etc.
- (c) No, however National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush, under its Central Sector Scheme (CSS) on 'Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants' provides project based financial support to carryout research activities on various aspects of medicinal plants to government as well as private universities/research institutions/organizations across the country.
- (d) Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited, (IMPCL), Ministry of Ayush adopts and enforce strict quality control standards for Shatavari-based products to ensure safety and efficacy.
- (e) National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush, is implementing Central Sector Scheme (CSS) on 'Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants' under which there is provision to provides project based financial support to the government as well as private universities/research institutions/organizations across the country for research and Development, Information Education and Communication, Conservation and Marketing aspects of medicinal plants.