

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3377
ANSWERED ON 08th AUGUST 2025**

‘Ayurvedic Medicinal Plants in Forest’

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there is huge potential to prepare ayurvedic medicines from the medicinal plants available in various forests across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is working on any plan/project to prepare Ayurvedic medicine from the medicinal plants found in various forests across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and district-wise particularly in the Hazaribagh district of Jharkhand; and
- (d) whether the Government is running/proposes to run an awareness campaign in States in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) Yes. The Government is aware that there is huge potential to prepare ayurvedic medicines from the medicinal plants available in various forests across the country. The medicinal plants are major resources base of Ayurvedic medicines and as per Demand and Supply study published by National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush, in 2017, more than 70% of the volumes of medicinal plants raw material sourced from the wild for these medicines.

(b) & (c) Medicinal Plants are the major resource base of Ayurvedic medicines and to make sustainable availability of medicinal plants raw material for preparation of these medicines, the NMPB, Ministry of Ayush under its “Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” is providing project based support to State Forest

Departments for Resource Augmentation/plantation of medicinal plants in forest areas throughout the country including state of Jharkhand. The state-wise area supported for Resource Augmentation / plantation of medicinal plants is at **Annexure – I**.

(d) For awareness and promotion of medicinal plants sector in the country, the NMPB, Ministry of Ayush under Information Education and Communication (IEC) component of “Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” is supporting various activities as listed below:

- i. Publicity through regular participation in Exhibitions/Fairs
- ii. Aushadhi Vanaspati Mitra Program (AVMP)
- iii. Organizing Workshops / Seminars / Conferences / Arogya Fair etc
- iv. Training and Capacity Building initiatives
- v. Launching of the Species specific Campaigns etc.

Annexure-I

The State -wise Area supported for Resource augmentation/Plantation of medicinal plants species under “Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” of NMPB, Ministry of Ayush.

Name of State	Area supported for Resource Augmentation (in ha.)
Arunachal Pradesh	501.09
Andaman & Nicobar	49.13
Andhra Pradesh	4593.2
Assam	1150.54
Chhattisgarh	2526.08
<i>Dadra Nagar</i>	12
<i>Goa</i>	82
Gujarat	11509.88
Haryana	290.34
Himachal Pradesh	2780.5
Jammu & Kashmir	1511.45
<i>Jharkhand</i>	1429.38
Karnataka	3242.22
Kerala	987.97
<i>Madhya Pradesh</i>	5759.5
Maharashtra	6041.93
Manipur	2832.07
<i>Meghalaya</i>	2
Mizoram	3118.19
Nagaland	1729.94
<i>Odisha</i>	902.67
<i>Punjab</i>	264.22
Rajasthan	7332.26
Sikkim	5004.17
<i>Tamil Nadu</i>	1346.19
Telangana	1011.38
Tripura	2372.1
Uttarakhand	1955.91
Uttar Pradesh	944.66
West Bengal	1455.39
Total area (In Hact.)	72738.36