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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1461**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2025

**SCHEMES TO ENCOURAGE FARMERS TO CULTIVATE MEDICINAL PLANTS**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government to encourage farmers to cultivate medicinal/herbal plants;
- (b) the details of the activities carried out under these schemes in the country during the last five years including Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) the details of projects supported under Central Sector Scheme for conservation, development and sustainable management of medicinal plants to different organizations throughout the country during the last five years and their impact thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented for holistic growth of the horticulture sector in the country covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic and medicinal plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo. All States and UTs including Tamil Nadu are covered under MIDH.

Under MIDH scheme, assistance is being provided @ 40% maximum cost of Rs. 1.5 Lakh/ha for area expansion of short duration medicinal plants i.e. non-perennial in nature and non-tree species and in the case of NE & Himalayan States, Scheduled areas including TSP (Tribal Sub Plan) areas, vibrant villages, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands, assistance is provided @ 50% of maximum cost for an area upto 2 ha. per beneficiary.

Apart from the above, National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush, had formulated a draft scheme namely "Pradhan Mantri Vriksh Ayush Yojana" to boost the cultivation, production and to establish post-harvest management infrastructure and marketing of medicinal plants in the country. Beside this, NMPB is implementing Central Sector Scheme (CSS) on "Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants" throughout the country including Tamil Nadu. The scheme is aimed at providing project-based support for the different activities. The Forward and backward

linkage in supply chain of medicinal plants (Integrated Component) is one of the components of CSS scheme wherein 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.

Further the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) Ministry of Ayush through its Regional Cum Facilitation Centres (RCFCs) established in different regions of the country is providing training to farmers/ collectors for Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), Good Field Collection Practices (GFCPs) and also provides Quality Planting Material (QPM) for the cultivation of medicinal/herbal plants in various states / UTs of the country.

(c): Implementation of various projects by NMPB, ensures Involvement of community-based organizations (CBOs) in conservation, sustainable harvesting and improvement of the socio-economic status of grass root level people. Details of the projects supported/approved under various categories of Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants to different organizations throughout the country during the last five years is as under:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Category</b>	<b>No. of Projects approved</b>
1	Conservation, Resource Augmentation, support to JFMCs etc.	18
2	Research and Development	60
3	Integrated Component	9
4	Herbal Garden	172
5	Marketing	2
6	Information Education Communication	157
	<b>Total</b>	<b>418</b>

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