

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

LOK SABHA

ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2113

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2025

“Medicinal Plant Species in Gandharmardan Mountain Range”

2113. SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT:

Will the Minister of Ayush be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of medicinal plant species found in the Gandharmardan mountain range in the Bargarh district of Odisha as per the Botanical Survey of India;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Ayurvedic College located at Nrusinghnath in the Gandhamardan region has been playing a vital role in the study and research of these medicinal plants and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to take over this Ayurvedic College under the Central Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a): As per the recent field tour conducted by the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) and Odisha State Biodiversity Board, about 406 plant species observed in the Gandhamardan mountain range in the Bargarh district of Odisha. However, as per the information received from the BSI, during the year 2009, a total 912 plant species were found in the Gandhamardhan Hills of Bargarh, Odisha, out of which 345 species were classified as medicinal plants.

(b): No such details are available with the Ministry of Ayush regarding playing a vital role in research work of these medicinal plants by Ayurvedic College located at Nrusinghnath in the Gandhamardan region.

(c): Currently, the Government has no such proposal under consideration.

(d): Does not arise.