

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1192
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th FEBRUARY, 2026**

‘Medicinal Plants in Tamil Nadu’

1192. Dr. M K Vishnu Prasad:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any special plan for the development and conservation of rare medicinal plants found in the States across the country, State/UT-wise, particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the areas where such medicinal plants are available in Tamil Nadu, particularly at the district level including Cuddalore district, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government provides financial assistance to the States for the development and promotion of AYUSH; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the amount provided for the development and promotion of AYUSH during the last three financial years and the current year and State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu?

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 is currently implementing “Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” under which there is a provision to provide project based support to State Forest Departments for in-situ Conservation of medicinal plants in their natural habitats by way of establishing Medicinal Plants Conservation and Development Areas (MPCDAs) throughout of the country including the state of Tamil Nadu. Under this provision special focus is given for conservation of Rare, Endangered, and Threatened species. The State/UT-wise details of MPCDAs supported throughout the country including state of Tamil Nadu is at **Annexure – I**.

In addition to above, the Botanical Survey of India (BSI), an organization under Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, mandated for survey of plant diversity of the country, also promote the conservation of India’s floral diversity including medicinal plants. The BSI

provides financial grants through the Assistance to Botanical Gardens (ABG) scheme for the ex-situ development of threatened and rare medicinal plants. Under this initiative, financial assistance provided to three Botanical Gardens i.e. Yercaud Botanical Garden, Yercaud; Tamil Nadu Agriculture University (TNAU), Coimbatore and the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education – Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (ICFRE-IFGTB), Coimbatore to maintain specialized collections, including medicinal plants.

(c): Yes, Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for development and promotion of Ayush in the Country and providing financial assistance to States as per the proposals received in the State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). The NAM inter-alia makes provision for the following:

- i. Operationalization of Ayush Health & Wellness Centres now renamed as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) by upgrading existing Ayush Dispensaries.
- ii. Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs).
- iii. Upgradation of existing standalone Government Ayush Hospitals.
- iv. Upgradation of existing Government/Panchayat/Government aided Ayush Dispensaries/ Construction of building for existing Ayush Dispensary (Rented/ dilapidated accommodation)/Construction of building to establish new Ayush Dispensary in the area where there are no Ayush facilities available.
- v. Setting up of up to 10/30/50 bedded integrated Ayush Hospitals.
- vi. Supply of essential drugs to Government Ayush Hospitals, Government Dispensaries and Government/Government aided Teaching Institutional AYUSH Hospitals.
- vii. Ayush Public Health Programmes.
- viii. Establishment of new Ayush colleges in the States where availability of Ayush teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector.
- ix. Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate Institutions and Ayush Post-Graduate Institutions/ add on PG/ Pharmacy /Para-Medical Courses.

The Ministry of Ayush also implements the Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information Education and Communication (IEC) in Ayush to create awareness regarding Ayush Systems of Medicine including Ayurvedic and other System of medicine. This aims to reach out to all sections of the population across the country. This scheme provides assistance for organizing National/State Arogya Fairs, Yoga Fests/Utsavs, Ayurveda Parvs, etc. The Ministry also undertakes Multi-Media, Print Media Campaigns for creating awareness about Ayush System.

(d): The State/UT-wise details of funds approved/sanctioned during the last three financial years and the current year including state of Tamil Nadu under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) is at **Annexure - II**.

The funds under IEC Scheme are not allocated State/UT-wise. The details of the budget allocated for IEC Scheme during last three financial years and current year is as below:

Financial Year	Funds Allocated (Rs. in Crores)
2022-23	55.40
2023-24	39.85
2024-25	33.12
2025-26	73.20

Annexure – I

The State/UT-wise details of Medicinal Plant Conservation Development Areas (MPCDAs) supported Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants

S. No.	Name of States/UTs	No. of MPCDAs Supported	Name of MPCDAs
1.	Gujarat	13	(1) Mathal (2) Tharavada (3) Valsad (4) Surat (5) Kurboi Nabhoi (6) Kachchh (7) Jamnagar (8) Rajkot (9) Saurashtra (10) Central Gujarat (11) North Gujarat (12) Kachchh Saline (13) Mahisagar
2.	Haryana	2	(1) Bhiwani (2) Mahendragarh
3.	Himachal Pradesh	5	(1) Dhel Tachh GHNP (Dhauladhar Range) (2) Dodra (Zanskar Range) (3) Chhitkul (Zanskar Range) (4) Kukumseri (Dhauladhar Range) (5) Modda Ka Tibba (Zanskar Range)
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	3	(1) Anantnag (2) Kathua (3) Leh (now in UT of Ladakh)
5.	Karnataka	17	(1) Dharwad (2) Uttara Kannada (3) Balagauam (4) Janakadkal (5) Shiragunj (6) Kodambale (7) Mahime (8) Achwe (9) Shimoga (10) Madhugiri (11) Koratagere (12) Ramnagar (13) Vaijgaon (14) Kudлагаon (15) Potoli (16) Panjeli (17) Devalli

6.	Madhya Pradesh	11	(1) Amrakantak (2) Barman (3) East Batkakhapa (4) East Chhindwada (5) Tamia (6) Pandurna (7) Dindori (8) Bhoribandh (9) Mavai (10) Kattiwara (11) Karahal
7.	Maharashtra	15	(1) Gullar ghat (2) Honya Koli (3) Sawarani (4) Ghatang Range (5) Melaghat Range (6) Dhannu Range (7) Thane (8) West Nasik (9) Ruyad (10) Welgoor (11) Bhatari (12) Chindhichak (13) Kopella (14) Mandvi Range (15) Shirсад Range
8.	Manipur	3	(1) Khangkhuikhullen Ukhrul (2) Kailam, Churachandpur (3) Langol Reserved Forests, Imphal West
9.	Mizoram	6	(1) Bilkhawthlir (2) Vairengte (3) Humunpui (4) Khiangzaw (5) Zongaw (6) Sidarh Ram
10.	Nagaland	10	(1) Jalukie (2) Chungtonya (3) Chipvu (4) Intaki (5) Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary (6) Saramati peak (7) Khar village (8) Zutovi (9) Tuli (10) Chen
11.	Orissa	1	(1) Mandara Giri
12.	Rajasthan	2	(1) Kiradu Hill, Badmer (2) Kaylana, Jodhpur
13.	Sikkim	4	(1) Chungthang (2) Namchi

			(3) Sipsu Jhum Gangtok
			(4) Mamring
14.	Tamil Nadu	8	(1) Sirumalai
			(2) Alagarkovil
			(3) Natham Range
			(4) Mannavannur
			(5) Berijam
			(6) Poombarai
			(7) Devadanapatty
			(8) Perumpallam
15.	Tripura	5	(1) Muhuripur RF
			(2) Baramura-Deotamura RF
			(3) Baramura-Deotamura RF
			(4) Baramura-Deotamura RF
			(5) Teliamura RF
16.	Uttarakhand	3	(1) Joshimath Range, Chamoli
			(2) Dharali
			(3) Gangi
17.	West Bengal	7	(1) Panchanai
			(2) Phalut
			(3) Rachila
			(4) Lataguri
			(5) North Rajavatkawa
			(6) Kalash
			(7) Kankarajhore
	Total	115	

The State/UT-wise detail of funds approved/sanctioned during the last three financial years and current year including Tamil Nadu under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM)

S.No.	Name of States/UTs	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	(Rs. In Lakh) Total Releases
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	142.386	407.2865	542.75	150.08	1242.50
2.	Andhra Pradesh	0.000	0.0000	2497.19	217.13	2714.32
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	402.040	1186.0400	1498.84	1584.41	4671.33
4.	Assam	1011.770	3471.4500	6511.87	3209.38	14204.47
5.	Bihar	0.000	1161.0600	0	92.04	1253.10
6.	Chandigarh	189.735	226.3190	447.58	0.00	863.63
7.	Chhattisgarh	0.000	2151.4260	3194.06	631.36	5976.84
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	0.000	408.4500	690.73	1181.89	2281.07
9.	Delhi	0.000	0.0000	0	0.00	0.00
10.	Goa	142.286	628.3045	610.67	432.09	1813.35
11.	Gujarat	1908.623	2961.4215	2623.103	1691.23	9184.38
12.	Haryana	1219.905	3026.5875	1371.9	655.66	6274.05
13.	Himachal Pradesh	3873.577	3659.2200	2899.089	1815.81	12247.69
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	4895.088	7510.3600	4361.6	1715.72	18482.76
15.	Jharkhand	7752.570	2390.4200	3217.057	303.92	13663.96
16.	Karnataka	1714.086	5031.5400	6067.284	651.57	13464.48
17.	Kerala	4399.828	7989.4000	11037.96	1828.65	25255.83
18.	Ladakh	72.265	47.3200	190.287	207.79	517.66
19.	Lakshadweep	116.322	332.0140	220.476	146.08	814.90
20.	Madhya Pradesh	1716.000	6120.0000	8169.59	1643.61	17649.20
21.	Maharashtra	0.000	2235.5360	2681.157	0.00	4916.69
22.	Manipur	1723.000	0.0000	1276.67	0.00	2999.67
23.	Mizoram	117.270	1057.8550	1101.48	1585.76	3862.36
24.	Meghalaya	796.840	1722.6000	1520.48	62.11	4102.03
25.	Nagaland	495.780	1016.9700	1342.11	160.54	3015.40
26.	Odisha	0.000	0.0000	2369.21	379.74	2748.95
27.	Puducherry	623.952	197.0800	683.4	4.15	1508.58
28.	Punjab	0.000	109.8504	1701.1	33.88	1844.83
29.	Rajasthan	0.000	3731.5120	15051.797	3460.36	22243.67
30.	Sikkim	626.060	492.3700	434.78	419.53	1972.74
31.	Tamil Nadu	2428.686	6635.7630	7380.32	1137.53	17582.30
32.	Telangana	0.000	1225.1670	2491.38	0.81	3717.36
33.	Tripura	1030.900	566.9900	815.77	90.53	2504.19
34.	Uttar Pradesh	14437.596	12418.5960	13903.18	0.00	40759.37
35.	Uttarakhand	1855.797	3234.3750	2441.1211	1889.43	9420.72
36.	West Bengal	1056.581	3379.3860	2308.432	0.00	6744.40
	TOTAL	54748.942	86732.669	113654.423	27382.782	282518.82