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# Government provides subsidies to farmers for cultivation of Medicinal Plants as per guidelines: AYUSH Minister

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As per information of the Botanical Survey of India (BSI), an organization under Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, estimated more than 8,000 species of herbs / medicinal plants are found in India.

The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH is presently implementing following schemes to encourage farming / cultivation, conservation and promotion of medicinal & herbal plants throughout the country:

## 1. Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM). Under 'Medicinal

Plants' component of the NAM scheme the large scale farming / cultivation of medicinal plants is being supported. As per the scheme guidelines, the support is being provided for:

- (i) Cultivation of prioritized medicinal plants on farmer's land
- (ii) Establishment of nurseries for supply of quality planting material
- (iii) Post-harvest management
- (iv) Primary processing, marketing infrastructure etc.
- (v) Providing subsidy to farmers @ 30%, 50% and 75% based on cost of cultivation.

## 2. Central Sector Scheme on "Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants". Under the scheme, the project based support is being provided for:

- (i) *In-situ* conservation through development of Medicinal Plants Conservation and Development Areas (MPCDAs)
- (ii) *Ex-situ* conservation through establishment of herbal gardens
- (iii) Linkages with Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) / Panchayats / Van Panchayats / Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) / Self Help Groups (SHGs)
- (iv) IEC activities (Training / workshops and Seminars etc.)
- (v) Research & Development etc.

This information was given by the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik in reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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