

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1287
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD MARCH, 2020**

**PROMOTING COMMERCIAL FARMING OF MEDICINAL PLANTS
IN JHARKHAND**

1287. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:

Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being run by Government to promote commercial farming of medicinal plants;
- (b) whether in view of an ample scope of farming of medicinal plants, available in Jharkhand, the Government would consider to setup a unit of the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) there; and
- (c) whether Government would consider to setup/develop a special medicinal plant/herb park in Jharkhand under National Medicinal Plants Board and the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESO NAIK)**

(a): The Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India under its Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) provides financial assistance to farmers to encourage farming/cultivation of herbs/medicinal plants throughout the country. Under NAM scheme, there is a component on 'Medicinal Plants' which is primarily aimed at supporting cultivation of herbs/medicinal plants on farmer's land with backward linkages through establishment of nurseries for supply of quality planting material, and forward linkages for post-harvest management. Presently, 140 medicinal plants species have been prioritized for supporting cultivation throughout the country for which the subsidy is provided to farmers @30%, @50% and 75% of cost of cultivation.

Till Now, Ministry of AYUSH has supported an amount of Rs. 11650 lakh for cultivation of medicinal plant to cover an area of 48379 hectare under NAM scheme since 2015-16 to 2019-20. The detail is given at **Annexure**.

(b): National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of AYUSH has supported 7,927 hectare area with a budget of Rs. 986.12 lakh to the Jharkhand state for cultivation of medicinal plants under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of “National Mission on Medicinal Plants”. However, Government has not taken any step to setup a unit of the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) in Jharkhand.

(c): National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of AYUSH has supported 02 projects for establishment of Herbal Garden and the Nursery and Rs. 22.325 lakh has been allocated to the Jharkhand state.

Annexure

Area covered under Cultivation of medicinal plants under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM)”, Ministry of AYUSH (2015-16 to 2019-20)

S. No.	State Name	TOTAL	
		Physical (In hectare)	Financial (Rs. In lakhs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	4703.35	739.48
2	Arunachal Pradesh	266.4	116.83
3	Assam	623.6	169.34
4	Bihar	175	74.49
5	Chhattisgarh	400	103.70
6	Goa	113.22	36.84
7	Gujarat	936.3	348.23
8	Haryana	419.8	106.80
9	Himachal Pradesh	236	198.28
10	Jammu & Kashmir	116	97.07
11	Karnataka	2825.9	653.21
12	Kerala	1938.5	486.68
13	Madhya Pradesh	8281	1632.29
14	Maharashtra	1290.43	745.48
15	Manipur	616.2	182.83
16	Meghalaya	178	51.35
17	Mizoram	344.28	96.81
18	Nagaland	541.5	163.67
19	Orissa	866.504	192.61
20	Puducherry	50.27	6.14
21	Punjab	598	154.23
22	Rajasthan	4112.5	1238.03
23	Sikkim	179	70.56
24	Tamil Nadu	3931	1053.94
25	Telangana	1674.18	297.73
26	Tripura	332.6	71.94
27	Uttarakhand	801.53	479.28
28	Uttar Pradesh	10064.4	1690.93
29	West Bengal	1763.8	391.19
GRAND TOTAL		48379	11650