GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AYUSH

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5679 ANSWERED ON 04/04/2025

"Medicinal Plants Cultivation in Odisha"

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area under medicinal plants cultivation in Odisha and the production trends over the last three financial years;
- (b) the total funds allocated and utilized under the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) for Odisha during the same period;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to support farmers and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Odisha for medicinal plant cultivation; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to facilitate marketing and value addition of medicinal plant-based products from Odisha?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH (SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) In the past, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India had implemented Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) to promote the cultivation of medicinal plants from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21 throughout the country including Odisha. Ministry of Ayush had supported 866 hectare area under cultivation of medicinal plants in Odisha under medicinal plants component of National Ayush Mission (NAM) scheme from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21.

The detail of area supported for cultivation of medicinal plants under medicinal plants component of National Ayush Mission (NAM) scheme in Odisha is at **Annexure – I**.

(b) The total funds sanctioned / approved and utilized under the "Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants" of National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) for Odisha during the financial year 2021-22 to 2023-24 is at **Annexure – II**.

(c) As per information received from Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) – Centrally Sponsored Scheme, a provision has been made for providing financial assistance for area expansion of short duration medicinal plants. Details of cost norms alongwith the pattern of assistance is given at **Annexure – III**.

Beside this, State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPB), Odisha also developing a processing unit and drying yard in City Forest Division, Bhubaneswar. SMPB, Odisha also conducting Kalinga Herbal Fairs, awareness programmes through trainings/ workshops/seminars, distribution of IEC materials and exposure visits etc.

(d) As per the inforantion received from Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED), TRIFED under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing "Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM)" scheme that focus on value addition and marketing of the Minor Forest Produce (MFP), farm, and non-farm produce/products for the promotion of livelihood of the tribal communities across the country including Odisha.

Under its Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produces (MSP for MFPs) component under Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) scheme, there are 87 MFP commodities identified for procurement, which includes medicinal plants also.

The details of MFPs commodities along with their procurement rates are given at the link below:

https://trifed.tribal.gov.in/sites/default/files/2022-02/List%20of%2087%20MFPs.pdf.

The year-wise detail of area supported in Odisha for cultivation of medicinal plants under medicinal plants component of National Ayush Mission (NAM) scheme from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21.

S.No.	Financial Year	Area supported in hectare
1.	2015-16	-
2.	2016-17	488
3.	2017-18	-
4.	2018-19	378
5.	2019-20	-
6.	2020-21	-
Total		866

The year-wise detail of funds sanctioned / approved and utilized under the "Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants" of National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) for Odisha during the financial year 2021-22 to 2023-24.

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Financial Year	Fund Sanctioned / approved for the projects under CSS to different organization	Fund released (1st & 2nd installment of projects) under CSS to different organization	Fund utilized under CSS
1.	2021-22	110.64	61.25	61.89838
2.	2022-23	108.04	79.30	25.72384
3.	2023-24	48.40	36.21	17.56128
	TOTAL	267.08	176.76	105.1835

Details of cost norms alongwith the pattern of assistance under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) scheme is given below:

S.	Name of the Component	Cost Norms	Pattern of Assistance
No.			
1.	Medicinal Plants	Rs. 1,50,000/ha	Assistance @ 40% in general areas for an area
	(Mulethi, Shatavari,		upto 2 hectare on pro rata basis for meeting the
	Kalihari, Shwet Musali,		expenditure on planting material and cost of
	Guggle, Manjishtha,		material for Integrated Nutrient Management
	Kutki, Atees, Jatamansi,		(INM) / Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
	Ashwagandha, Brahmi,		etc. in 2 instalments of 60:40.
	Tulsi, Vidarikand, Pippali,		In the case of North Eastern & Himalayan
	Chirata, Pushkarmool		States, Scheduled areas, vibrant villages,
	etc.)		Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep
			Islands, assistance will be @ 50% for an area
			upto 2 hectare on pro rata basis.