

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:146
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2002
PRODUCTION OF MEDICAL HERBAL PLANTS
ANANTA NAYAK;RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken any steps to save the various species of the medicinal plants in the country; and
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government to boost the production of the Ayurvedic medicines alongwith the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)&(b): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 146 FOR 13.3.2002

Government have taken steps to encourage propagation and cultivation of plant species through various schemes such as in-situ/ex-situ conservation, Biosphere Reserves, establishment of Gene Banks and developing Agro-techniques. A Medicinal Plants Board has also been set up which will coordinate activities relating to conservation and cultivation of medicinal plants.

The Government has implemented a Central Scheme to assist State Pharmacies to increase their production. During the last two years, 21 State Pharmacies of Ayurveda have been provided grant-in-aid of Rs.15.50 crores. A number of schemes have also been implemented to increase production of quality raw drugs for domestic consumption and export.