

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CULTIVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANT IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the programmes being implemented by the Government for the cultivation of medicinal plants in Bihar;
- (b) the areas identified for the purpose; and
- (c) the progress of the programme being implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plan under which the State Governments can take up developmental programmes as per their felt needs including cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants. The Govt. of Bihar are taking up programmes like demonstration and training, minikit distribution, strengthening of nursery and establishment of distillation unit. Assistance is also being provided to the Rajendra Agricultural University, Samastipur under this scheme for taking up programmes like establishment/maintenance of herbal gardens and establishment/maintenance of nursery centres. Besides, the National Medicinal Plants Board under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is also implementing schemes for cultivation of herbal medicinal plants in the country including Bihar.

(c): During Ninth Plan an area of 6 hect. have been covered under Herbal Gardens and 5 hect.were developed for production of quality planting material for aromatic plants. Besides, two nurseries have been established for production of planting material for medicinal plants.