

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

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WB REPORT ON MEDICINAL PLANTS AND NATURAL WEALTH  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the World Bank has brought out its latest report on medicinal plants and natural wealth of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the suggestions made in the said report?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) : World Bank has launched a forestry report entitled 'India-unlocking Opportunities for Forest-Dependent People'. The report has a reference on medical plants also. The report states that with greater community control over forest management, income from forests could rise. The report also indicates that community-based forestry offers vast potential for poverty reduction and rural economic growth in India while also supporting critical national conservative goals.