

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:196
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2005
MANUFACTURE OF HERBAL MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken comprehensive study of herbs found in forests of the country with the objective of manufacturing medicines therefrom;
- (b) if so, the States in the country where small and big units have been set up for manufacturing medicines from these herbs; and
- (c) the details of units set up in public as well as private sector and the efforts being made by the Government to promote them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 196 FOR 16 MARCH, 2005

(a) A large number of medicinal plants found in forests are used as raw material for production of medicines. A `Demand Study for Selected Medicinal Plants` was commissioned by Government through the Centre for Research, Planning and Action (CERPA), New Delhi, which estimated the requirement of 198054.71 tonnes of medicinal plant based raw materials costing Rs. 1099.18 crore for the year 1999-2000.

(b)&(c): There are approximately 9257 licensed Pharmacies of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy in different parts of the country including 40 pharmacies in the public/cooperative sector, which are engaged in manufacture of the medicines. The State/UT wise details as on 1.4.2003 are as follows:-

Andhra Pradesh	694
Assam	40
Bihar	262
Chhatisgarh	49
Delhi	89
Goa	6
Gujarat	699
Haryana :	375
Himachal Pradesh	72
J&K	9
Karnataka	260
Kerala	800
M.P.	452
Maharashtra	718
Meghalaya	1
Orissa	233
Punjab	149
Rajasthan	366
Sikkim	2
Tamil Nadu	854
U.P.	2268
Uttaranchal	79
West Bengal	693
Chandigarh	3
D&N Haveli	16
Daman & Diu	18
Pondicherry	58

Total 9257

The Department of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme under which financial assistance is extended to strengthen the Government/public sector pharmacies of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy. The scheme also provides for financial incentives to private manufacturing units to strengthen the in-house quality control section/drug testing laboratories and to meet the requirements of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP).