

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

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

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study in regard to the Tribal Herbal medicines and to collect and make use of the knowledge of tribal people in traditional medicines;and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a) & (b) The Indian Council of Medical Research, Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha and Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine have published information on tribal herbal medicines/ ethnobotony of nearly 400 ethnic communities in India using around 8,000 plant species for medicinal purposes. Over 11,400 tribal medicinal claims have been collected during ethano botanical exploration of forest areas in different states. Nine volumes containing multi disciplinary information on over 2,100 plant species with botanical names have been brought out by the Indian Council of Medical Research.

Further, publications of additional plants in Folklores in different regions have also been brought out as per details given below:

Medicinal Plants in Folklore of Northern India

Medicinal Plants in Folklore of Southern India

Medicinal Plants in Folklore of Bihar and Orissa

Medicinal Plants in Folklore of Kashmir Himalaya

Medicinal Plants in Folklore of Northern India- Part-II

Medicinal Plants in Folklore of Southern India – Part-II

Medicinal Plants in Folklore of Orissa- Part II