

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote manufacture of herbal medicines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented;and
- (c) the details of various types of herbal medicines and formulations prevalent in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes. The Government has a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Drug Quality Control to promote manufacture of Ayurveda, Siddha Unani (ASU) medicines. Under this scheme manufacturers of ASU medicines are given a subsidy of up to 30% of their expenditure or Rs.30.00 lakhs, whichever is less, for upgradation of the manufacturing facilities to WHO/EU GMP norms. Further, the Government is also having a Central Sector Scheme for Development of AYUSH Industry Clusters for creating common manufacturing and testing facilities for Ayurveda Siddha and Unani industries. So far, a total number of 9 industries clusters have been set up which are located at - Amritsar, Bangalore, Chennai, Ganjam, Konkan, Pune, Thrissur, Hyderabad and Guwahati. Rs.100 crore has been allocated for this in the XI Plan.

(c) There are many types of herbal Ayurveda Siddha, Unani medicines in different dosages forms available in the country such as Asava and Arista, Avaleha and Paka, Kvathachurna, Guggulu, Ghrita, Churna, Taila, Lepa, Vati, Gutika, Capsuls and Syrups.