

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF MEDICINAL PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to supply medicinal plants directly to pharmaceutical firms to reduce the prices of medicines to help the poor people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (c): Government has set up National Medicinal Plants Boards (NMPB) in Department of AYUSH to coordinate matters related to overall development of medicinal plants sector to augment their availability for preparation of medicines of AYUSH systems and other products. The NMPB is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Mission on Medicinal Plants` since 2008-2009, Under this scheme, cultivation of identified medicinal plants is supported and farmers are given subsidy for the cultivation of these plants in cluster mode. For the implementation of the scheme financial assistance has been provided by the National Medicinal Plants Board to 26 States.

The Board has also implemented Central Sector Scheme for `Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants` for overall development of medicinal plants sector. The Board supports projects of various organizations in the area of in-situ/ex-situ conservation resource augmentation (plantation of medicinal plants) in forests area and Research on related aspects for overall development of the sector.