

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

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MEDICINAL AROMATIC PLANTS AND HERBS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any comprehensive study on the availability of medicinal/aromatic plants and herbs across the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government for the sustainable management and commercial exploitation of medicinal/aromatic plants and herbs in the country;
- (d) the financial assistance allocated and utilised for the above purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and 1584
- (e) the number of units manufacturing drugs from medicinal/aromatic plants and herbs in the country, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b): A study was got conducted by the National Medicinal Plants Board of Department of AYUSH through the Foundation for Revitalization of Local Health Tradition (FRLHT), Bangalore. According to the report of study published in year 2008, total traded quantity of medicinal plants in the country was estimated to be about 3.19 lakhs metric tones for the year 2005-06. In all, 960 medicinal plants are traded, out of which 178 species have annual consumption of more than 100 metric tones (MTs).

(c): National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) of Department of AYUSH is implementing following schemes for sustainable management and commercial use of plants of medicinal nature:-

(i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "National Mission on Medicinal Plants"

(ii) Central Sector Scheme for "Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants".

(d): Information regarding year-wise funds allocated for both the schemes of NMPB is as under:- Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "National Mission on Medicinal Plants"

Year	BE	RE
2010-11	50.00	50.00
2011-12	56.14	56.14
2012-13	65.00	54.84
2013-14	70.00	-

Central Sector Scheme for "Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants"

Year	BE	RE
2010-11	50.00	54.50
2011-12	58.00	52.50
2012-13	65.00	48.56
2013-14	70.00	-

Information regarding State / UT wise fund utilized by NMPB on account of financial assistance for the project proposals of States / UTs is provided at Annexure- I and II.

(e): As per information received from Department of AYUSH, State / UT-wise number of licensed pharmacies under AYUSH manufacturing drugs from medicinal / aromatic plants is enclosed at Annexure-III.