

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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JAMMU KASHMIR AROGYA GRAM YOJNA  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched Jammu Kashmir Arogya Gram Yojana in the recent past and if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the scheme;
- (b) the details of funds proposed to be spent by the Government and the number of persons likely to benefit from the said yojana;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to expand implementation of said scheme in other States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a)&(b) Yes Madam. The Programme is aimed at enhancing the cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants in Jammu & Kashmir with active participation of farmers. The Government proposes to spend over Rs.25 crores on the programme in addition to technical support by a team of CSIR Scientists.

The major objectives of the programme are as follows:-

- (i) Field level demonstration of region specific superior genotypes of CSIR R&D work on medicinal & Aromatic plants on higher scale in Jammu & Kashmir region;
- (ii) Skill development, technology transfer and employment generation through CSIR technologies;
- (iii) To provide proven business model based on CSIR MAPs technology for adoption by masses.

The programme would be implemented over area of 100 ha in Jammu & Kashmir in the first phase.

(c)&(d) The programme is a new concept. The implementation of the programme in the other States would depend upon its success in Jammu & Kashmir.