

- (iii) Setting up of up to 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospital.
- (iv) Upgradation of State Government Educational Institutions.
- (v) Setting up of new State Government AYUSH Educational Institutions including Yoga and Naturopathy in the State where it is not available.
- (vi) Strengthening of State Government/Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU&H) Pharmacies and Drug Testing Laboratories (DTL).
- (vii) Cultivation and Promotion of Medicinal Plants.

With these measures the Ministry has been able to expand its visibility and scope of AYUSH in the country significantly. There are 771468 AYUSH registered practitioners throughout the country as on 01.01.2016 who contribute to AYUSH health care services in the country including urban, semi-urban and rural areas. However, the data on para-medical staff for AYUSH systems of medicine is not maintained by the Central Government.

With regard to funds allocation for promotion of AYUSH, budgetary allocation of ₹ 1326.20 crore has been made to Ministry of AYUSH for various activities for the year 2016-17.

#### **Cultivation of medicinal plants in Chhattisgarh**

482. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will plant medicinal trees in Jashpur district of Chhattisgarh specially Sanna area as the said district has a good weather for plantation of medicinal trees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India is presently implementing following schemes for overall development of the Medicinal Plants Sector throughout the country including State of Chhattisgarh:

- (i) Central Sector Scheme on “Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants”
- (ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM)

Under Central Sector Scheme, support for resource augmentation/plantation and *in-situ/ex-situ* conservation of medicinal plants is being provided as per the operational scheme guidelines and based on project proposals received from the state. The Central Sector Scheme is being mainly implemented in different States/UTs through State Medicinal Plants Boards (SMPBs) and Forest Departments.

Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM), there is a component on “Medicinal Plants” which is primarily aimed at supporting cultivation of medicinal plants on farmer’s land with backward linkages through establishment of nurseries for supply of quality planting material and forward linkages for post-harvest management. The cultivation of medicinal plants is supported by providing subsidy to farmers through the identified implementing agency of concerned State (in State of Chhattisgarh, the SMPB, Chhattisgarh is the implementing agency for cultivation programme). The assistance for cultivation of medicinal plants is provided as per the State Annual Action Plan approved for concerned State.

In the past, in Jashpur district of Chhattisgarh the cultivation of Amla, Ashwagandha, Bael, Gambhari, Giloe, Konch, Neem and Shatavar had been supported under National Medicinal Plants Board’s “Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Mission on Medicinal Plants”.

In future as well, the plantation/cultivation of medicinal trees in Sanna area of Jashpur district of Chhattisgarh can be considered as per Operational Guidelines of the above schemes and based on the project proposal/State Annual Action Plan received from the State implementing agencies.

#### **Status of NAM**

483. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of National AYUSH Mission (NAM);
- (b) the details of schemes/programmes subsumed in the above Mission;
- (c) the present status of NAM with a particular reference to Telangana; and
- (d) whether any targets have been set under the above Mission and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The aims and objectives of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) is as follows: