

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**Schemes for cultivation and conservation of medicinal plants**

923. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

- (a) the different schemes going on for the cultivation and conservation of medicinal plants under AYUSH Ministry;
- (b) the action taken to ensure the availability of high quality AYUSH drugs to the public;
- (c) the details of financial assistance allotted to Kerala during 2014-15 to 2018-19 for conservation and cultivation of medicinal plants and infrastructure development under AYUSH Ministry; and
- (d) the achievements made so far in the promotion and propagation of AYUSH system and medicines outside the country and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) For cultivation and conservation of medicinal plants in the country, presently the Ministry of AYUSH is implementing the following schemes:—

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

(b) and (c) The Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) in September, 2014 as a flagship programme for the development of AYUSH sector including Quality Control of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani & Homeopathy (ASU&H) Drugs.

Under the component of Quality Control of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy Drugs, grant-in-aid is provided to the States for the strengthening of Pharmacies, Drug Testing Laboratories as well as for improvement of the Drug Control Framework. During the implementation period of the National AYUSH Mission from September, 2014 to 2018, 23 State Drug Testing Laboratories, 15 ASU&H Pharmacies and 30 Drug Control Frameworks have been supported.

The details of financial assistance allotted to Kerala during 2014-15 to 2018-19 for conservation and cultivation of medicinal plants and infrastructure development under AYUSH Ministry is as below:—

(₹ in lakh)

Year	Fund allotted for infrastructure development	Fund allotted for conservation of medicinal plants	Fund allotted for cultivation of medicinal plants
2014-15	44.30	27.40	-
2015-16	43.00	86.47	69.64
2016-17	58.05	144.97	130.43
2017-18	92.34	82.005	171.308
2018-19	20.87	-	-

(d) For promotion and propagation of AYUSH systems and medicines outside the country the Ministry of AYUSH is implementing a Central Sector Scheme for promotion of International Cooperation under which there are provisions for undertaking various activities for promotion of AYUSH systems of medicine across the globe such as organizing/participating in International exhibitions/conferences/workshops/seminars/road shows/trade fairs, etc. to have wider reach for international propagation of AYUSH, incentives to AYUSH drug manufacturers/ entrepreneurs/ AYUSH institutions, etc. for registration of AYUSH products with regulatory authorities of the foreign countries.

For promotion and propagation of AYUSH systems and medicines outside the country the following achievements have been made by Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India:—

- Signed country to country MoUs for Cooperation in field of Traditional Medicine and Homoeopathy with 16 countries.
- Signed 17 MoUs for undertaking collaborative research in AYUSH systems of medicine with various foreign universities.
- Signed 13 MoUs for setting up AYUSH Academic Chairs with foreign institutes.
- Set up 31 AYUSH Information Cell in 28 countries to disseminate authentic information about AYUSH systems of Medicine.