

and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke)-AYUSH Project for health promotion, prevention and management of Non-communicable diseases or Lifestyle related disorders through its three research organizations, namely, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) and Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) in six districts namely Bhilwara (Rajasthan), Surendranagar (Gujarat), Gaya (Bihar), Darjeeling (West Bengal), Krishna (Andhra Pradesh) and Lakhimpur Kheri (Uttar Pradesh).

- (iv) Under AYUSHMAN Bharat, Health and Wellness Centres have been established in various parts of the country as comprehensive healthcare in which along with other interventions AYUSH system including Yoga is also envisaged for inclusion.
- (v) Further, on the pattern of modern medicine, inclusion of AYUSH System of medicine under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) has been taken up with National Health Authority with the objective of providing Health insurance for medical and hospitalization expenses for secondary and tertiary care procedures.

Survey for identifying of medicinal plants

925. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey to identify medicines/ aromatic plants and various herbs in the country, particularly in Himalayan, Western Ghats and North East Region, if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated potential of these plants, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by Government for documentation, protection, farming and commercial exploitation of these plants along with the funds allocated for the purpose; and
- (c) whether Government proposes any incentive to the farmers to promote herbal farming 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 Botanical Survey of India (BSI), an organization under Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change mandated for survey of plant diversity of the country; its documentation, including traditional knowledge associated with it at National, Regional, State and Ecosystem level in different parts of the country. The BSI is carrying out survey and documentation of all plant resources of the country including medicinal/aromatic plants/various herbs and it is estimated that more than 8000 species of medicinal herbs and medicinal plants are found in the country. As per BSI information, about 3000 species of medicinal plants in East Himalayan Region. 1500 species in West Himalayan Region and 2000 species in Western Ghats are found.

(b) Presently, the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India is implementing a Central Sector Scheme on "Conservation Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants" under which project based support is also provided for survey, inventorization, *in-situ* conservation through development of Medicinal Plants Conservation and Development Areas (MPCDAs), *ex-situ* conservation through establishment of herbal gardens etc. The funds allocated for the scheme during last three years is as below:—

Name of the Scheme	(₹ in crore)	
	Financial Year	Fund Allocated
Central Sector Scheme on "Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants"	2015-16	68.88
	2016-17	70.00
	2017-18	71.00

For farming and commercial exploitation of medicinal/aromatic plants/herbs, the Ministry of AYUSH presently promoting large scale cultivation under its Centrally Sponsored scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM). The funds allocated under NAM scheme during last three years is as below:—

Name of the Scheme	(₹ In crore)	
	Financial Year	Fund Allocated
Centrally Sponsored scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM)	2015-16	18.83
	2016-17	28.03
	2017-18	26.59

(c) Yes, the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India under its Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) is providing financial assistance

as subsidy to farmers to promote farming of herbs/medicinal plants throughout the country.

Under NAM scheme, there is a component on 'Medicinal Plants' which is primarily aimed at supporting cultivation of herbs/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. Presently, 140 medicinal plants species have been prioritized for supporting cultivation throughout the country for which the subsidy is provided to farmers @ 30%, 50% and 75% of cost of cultivation. As per NAM scheme guidelines, the fund under this component is shared in the ratio of 60:40 between Central and State Government whereas it is in the ratio of 90:10 in North East and Hilly Regions States and financed 100% by Central Government in Union Territories (UTs). The cultivation programme is implemented through the identified implementing agency of concerned State and the financial assistance is provided as per the State Annual Action Plan approved for concerned State.

Examining the working of the AYUSH Ministry

926. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AYUSH Ministry has achieved the desired over the years for which it was constituted and the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government would appoint an Expert Committee to look into the whole gamut of the AYUSH Ministry and suggest remedial steps so that the spirit behind constituting the AYUSH Ministry is achieved and the people are benefited from it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes. The Ministry of AYUSH is responsible for policy formulation, development and implementation of programmes for growth, development and propagation of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) systems of Health Care. Further, formation of an independent Ministry in 2014 has resulted in increased visibility of the AYUSH Systems and a more focused attention on their promotion and development to optimum potential besides giving a boost to propagation and popularization of the system. Thus, the Ministry has achieved the