

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**Cultivation of medicinal plants**

1601. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken or been taking any steps to cultivate more medicinal plants to ensure quality AYUSH drugs to the public;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has earmarked any fund for this purpose;
- (d) if so, details thereof; and
- (e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India under its Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) provides financial assistance to farmers to encourage cultivation of 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.

Since 2015-16 to till date, Ministry of AYUSH has supported 48,379 hectare area for cultivation of medicinal plants across the country. Details are given in the Statement-I (*See below*).

(c) to (e) At present, 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 & 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. Details of fund allocation are given in the Statement-II (*See below*).

Statement-I

*Year-wise area supported for cultivation under National AYUSH
Mission (NAM) Scheme of Ministry of AYUSH*

Sl. No.	Years	Area supported for cultivation (in Ha.)
1.	2015-16	8,722
2.	2016-17	12,462
3.	2017-18	10,366
4.	2018-19	9,958
5.	2019-20 (till date)	6,871
TOTAL		48,379

Statement-II

*Year-wise allocated funds under National AYUSH Mission (NAM)
Scheme of Ministry of AYUSH*

Sl. No.	Years	Fund allocation (₹ in crore)
1.	2015-16	45.9
2.	2016-17	70.1
3.	2017-18	75.8
4.	2018-19	45.4
5.	2019-20	89.3
TOTAL		326.5

Certification for Yoga professionals and recognition to Yoga schools

1602. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state: