

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1610
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH March, 2021**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO JHARKHAND FOR MEDICINAL PLANTS AND
HERBS CULTIVATION**

1610 SHRI DEEPAK PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of financial assistance provided to promote cultivation of medicinal plants and herbs in Jharkhand during the last two years;
- (b) the quantum of medicinal plants exported from Jharkhand during the said period;
- (c) the steps taken to promote the production of Ayurvedic and herbal medicines in the country, particularly in Jharkhand; and
- (d) the schemes under which the Central Government encourages farmers to cultivate medicinal plants?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND
SPORTS AND ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI KIREN RIJU)**

- (a): No fund was released to Jharkhand for cultivation of medicinal plants during last two years, as no Annual Action Plan has been received from Jharkhand for cultivation of medicinal plants.
- (b): Export of AYUSH and Herbal product from Jharkhand during the last two financial year and current financial year (April – December 20) as received from DGFT is given below-

Year	Qty in KGS	Val in USD
2018-19	5903513	82364
2019-20	10536176	147418
2020-21 (Apr-Dec)	31382576	421106

(c): Government of India is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) in the country through State and UT Governments for promotion and development of AYUSH system. Under NAM, there is provision for financial assistance to strengthen State/Government Ayurveda Siddha Unani & Homoeopathy (ASU&H) Pharmacies/ State Government ASU&H Cooperatives, State Government ASU&H PSU's in the country including Jharkhand. State and UT Governments may avail eligible financial assistance by projecting the same through State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per NAM guidelines.

(d): Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM). Under 'Medicinal Plants' component of the NAM scheme supporting market driven cultivation of prioritized medicinal plants in identified cluster/zones with in selected districts of States and implemented in a mission mode. As per the scheme guidelines, the support is provided for:

- (i) Cultivation of prioritized medicinal plants on farmer's land.
- (ii) Establishment of nurseries with backward linkages for raising and supply of quality planting material.
- (iii) Post-harvest management with forward linkages.
- (iv) Primary processing, marketing infrastructure etc.

Under this scheme, subsidy @30%, 50% and 75% of cultivation cost of specific plant species is provided for cultivation of 140 medicinal plants.