

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2252  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>TH</sup> March, 2021**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CUM FACILITATION CENTRE BY NMPB**

2252 **SHRI RAJEEV SATAV:  
SHRI SANJAY SETH:**

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

- (a) whether National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) has established Regional Cum Facilitation Centre (RCFC) and, if so, details of such centre functional
- (b) whether Government is making efforts in promoting the cultivation of herbs in its project on Atmanirbhar Bharat
- (c) whether RCFC is acting as an extended arm of NMPB to implement its various schemes with different State level departments like State Medicinal Plants Boards (SMPBs) / State Forests / Agriculture / Horticulture Department etc and, if so, the details thereof and
- (d) the other steps taken by Government to encourage cultivation of those herbal plants which are endemic to specific region?

**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 RIJJU)**

(a): Yes, National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) has established seven Regional Cum Facilitation Centres (RCFCs) in different regions of the country. The list of centres functional in different regions of the country are as under:

1. Regional Cum Facilitation Centre (Northern Region-1) at Research Institute in Indian Systems of Medicine (RIISM), Department of Ayurveda, Jogendra Nagar, Himachal Pradesh
2. Regional Cum Facilitation Centre (Northern Region-2) at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir
3. Regional Cum Facilitation Centre (Central Region) at State Forest Research Institute (SFRI), Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

4. Regional Cum Facilitation Centre (Eastern Region) at Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal
5. Regional Cum Facilitation Centre (Southern Region) at Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI), Peechi, Thrissur, Kerala
6. Regional Cum Facilitation Centre (North Eastern Region) at Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam.
7. Regional Cum Facilitation Centre (Western Region) at Department of Botany, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Maharashtra

(b): Yes, Ministry of Finance, Government of India has announced ₹4000 Crore package under Atmanirbhar Bharat for Promotion of Herbal Cultivation. Accordingly, the Ministry of AYUSH has prepared a draft scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri VRIKSH AYUSH Yojana” for consideration and approval of Government to promote cultivation and marketing of medicinal plants.

(c): Yes, RCFCs are acting as an extended arm for NMPB to implement its various schemes with different State level department like State Medicinal Plants Boards (SMPBs) / State Forests / Agriculture / Horticulture Department etc. in achieving the mandate of NMPB.

(d): To encourage cultivation of herbal / medicinal plants, the Ministry of AYUSH is presently implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) throughout the country. Under the NAM Scheme, 140 species of herbal / medicinal plants have been prioritized for cultivation which also include species endemic to specific regions.