

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2888
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th MARCH, 2022**

ALLOCATION MADE TO NATIONAL MEDICINAL PLANTS BOARD

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Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- a) what would happen to National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) for promotion, protection and cultivation of medicinal plants with the launch of Pradhan Mantri VRIKSH AYUSH Yojana;
- b) the status of the Rs. 200 crores project submitted for approval last year;
- c) the allocation made for NMPB in 2021-22 and its utilization; and
- d) the allocation made for NMPB in 2022-23 and that proposed by the Ministry?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a) Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of India announced Rs. 4000 Cr. as special financial assistance under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan for promotion of herbal cultivation in May, 2020. National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush has prepared a draft scheme namely "Pradhan Mantri VRIKSH-AYUSH Yojana" for the promotion of Medicinal Plant Cultivation, Post-harvest management and Marketing support by involving farmers and the AYUSH industry which is under consideration for approval by the competent authority.

Presently, National Medicinal plants Board, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India is implementing Central Sector Scheme on "Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants" wherein following activities are supported:

- (i) *In-situ* conservation / *Ex-situ* conservation
- (ii) Livelihood linkages with Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) / Panchayats / Van Panchayats / Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) / Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- (iii) IEC activities like Training / workshops / Seminars/ Conferences etc.

- (iv) Research & Development.
- (v) Promotion, marketing and trade of medicinal plants produce.

(b) The Budget announcement 2018-19 relates to NMPB, Ministry of Ayush which reads as:

“Our ecology supports, cultivation of highly specialized medicinal and aromatic plants. India is also home to a large number of small and cottage industries that manufacture perfumes, essential oils and other associated products. Our Government shall support organized cultivation and associated industry. I propose to allocate a sum of Rs.200 crore for this purpose.”

The objectives of earlier proposed scheme for implementation of Budget Announcement 2018-19 have already been proposed to be subsumed in the new scheme viz. Pradhan Mantri VRIKSH AYUSH Yojana

(c) The details of allocation made for NMPB in 2021-22 and its utilization is given below:

Name of the scheme	Budget Estimate (Cr.)	Revised Estimate (Cr.)	Released as on 24.03.2022(Cr.)	Utilization (Cr.)
National Medicinal Plants Board (Establishment expenditure)	62.13	18.15	17.50	11.24
National Institute of Medicinal Plants	0.15	0.12	0.00	0.00
Institute for High Altitude Medicinal Plants, Bhadervah, J&K	5.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants	0.0	31.30	30.34	0.00
Pradhan Mantri VRIKSH AYUSH Yojana (Proposed)	25.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

(d) The details of allocation made for NMPB in 2022-23 and that proposed by Ministry is given below:

Name of the scheme	Proposed Budget Estimate (Cr.)	Allocated Budget Estimate (Cr.)
National Medicinal Plants Board (Establishment expenditure)	13.82	13.82
National Institute of Medicinal Plants	0.15	0.15
Institute for High Altitude Medicinal Plants, Bhadervah, J&K	4.00	4.00
Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants	48.49	48.49
Pradhan Mantri VRIKSH AYUSH Yojana (Proposed)	25.00	1.00