

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1158
ANSWERED ON 06/02/2026**

“Cultivation of Medicinal Plants”

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the financial assistance provided to encourage the cultivation of medicinal plants and herbs in the country during each of the last three years;
- (b) the quantum of medicinal plants exported from the country during the said period;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote the production of Ayurvedic medicines and herbs in the country; and
- (d) the details of the centrally sponsored schemes implemented to encourage farmers to cultivate medicinal plants, along with the State-wise details of the funds spent thereunder during the last three years?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

- (a) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) - Centrally Sponsored Scheme for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic and medicinal plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo throughout the country.

Under MIDH scheme, provision has been made for providing assistance for area expansion of short duration medicinal plants i.e. non-perennial in nature and non-tree species. During 2025-26, an amount of Rs. 548.52 Lakhs has been allocated to various States for area expansion of identified medicinal crops. Details of cost norms alongwith the pattern of assistance is given at **Annexure – I**.

Besides this, National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) through its Regional Cum Facilitation Centres (RCFCs) encourages the cultivation of medicinal plants and herbs by distributing quality planting material (QPM) to growers / farmers in the country. The details of the financial assistance sanctioned during last three years to the RCFCs for the development of QPM of medicinal plants is given at **Annexure-II**.

(b) Data for Export of medicinal plants is not maintained at NMPB. However, the value of the trade of Medicinal Plants recorded under Chapter 12 of HS-Code 1211(PLNTS AND PRTS OF PLNTS INCLD SEDS AND FRUTS USD FOR PRFUMRY PHRMACY/INSCTCIDL OR SMLR PUR FRSH/DRID, CHLD/FROZ W/N CUT CRSHD) are given below:

Year	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Export (in Cr)	3,499.53	4,030.64	4,508.54
Growth (%)	10.91	15.18	11.86

(Source:https://tradestat.commerce.gov.in/eidb/commodity_wise_export)

Besides this, Shellac and Forest Products Export Promotion Council (SHEFEXIL) has shared the quantum of medicinal plants exported from the country to the top 15 export destination during the said period. The detail is given at **Annexure –III**.

(c) Ministry of Ayush has implemented a Central Sector Scheme Ayush Oushadhi Gunavatta evam Utpadan Samvardhan Yojana (AOGUSY), approved by Standing Finance Committee (SFC) on 16.03.2021. The total Budget allocation to this scheme is Rs. 122.00 crores for five years. The objectives of the Scheme are as under;

- i. To enhance India's manufacturing capabilities and exports of traditional medicines and health promotion products under the initiative of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

- ii. To facilitate adequate infrastructural & technological upgradation and institutional activities in public and private sector for standardization, quality manufacturing and analytical testing of Ayush drugs & materials.
- iii. To strengthen regulatory frameworks at Central and State level for effective quality control, safety monitoring and surveillance of misleading advertisements of Ayush drugs.
- iv. To encourage building up synergies, collaborations and convergent approaches for promoting standards and quality of Ayush drugs & materials.

Detailed guidelines are available at <https://ayush.gov.in/images/Schemes/aoushdhi.pdf>

(d) Presently, there is no scheme for cultivation of medicinal plants in National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush. However, in the past, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India had implemented the medicinal plants component under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21 to promote the cultivation of Medicinal Plants throughout the country. As per the scheme guidelines, the support was 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 forwarding linkages.
- iv. Primary processing, marketing infrastructure etc.

The detail of fund released to the different states for implementation of medicinal plants component under National Ayush Mission (NAM) Scheme is given at **Annexure-IV**.

Name of the Component	Cost Norms	Pattern of Assistance
Medicinal Plants (Mulethi, Shatavari, Kalihari, Shwet Musali, Guggle, Manjishtha, Kutki, Atees, Jatamansi, Ashwagandha, Brahmi, Tulsi, Vidarikand, Pippali, Chirata, Pushkarmool)	Rs. 1.5 Lakh/ha	Assistance @ 40% in general areas for an area upto 2 ha. on pro rata basis for meeting the expenditure on planting material and cost of material for Integrated Nutrient Management / Integrated Pest Management etc. in 2 instalments of 60:40 In the case of North East & Himalayan States, Scheduled areas including TSP (Tribal Sub Plan) areas, vibrant villages, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands, assistance will be @ 50% for an area upto 2 ha. on pro rata basis.

S.N.	Name of RCFC	Financial Assistance (Rs. in Lakhs)		
		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	RCFC (NR-I)	30.00	30.00	30.00
2	RCFC (NR-II)	30.00	30.00	30.00
3	RCFC (SR)	30.00	30.00	30.00
4	RCFC (ER)	30.00	30.00	30.00
5	RCFC (WR)	30.00	-	30.00
6	RCFC (NER)	30.00	-	30.00
7	RCFC (CR)	30.00	-	-
	Total	210.00	120.00	180.00

TOP 15 EXPORT DESTINATIONS

Sl.	Panel: Plants & Plant Portions (Herbs)	F.Y. 2022-2023	F.Y. 2023-2024	F.Y. 2023-2024
	Country	Qty KGS		
1	U S A	27984240	23739029	32370175
2	Germany	12617380	10892809	14051229
3	Italy	2955810	3404815	5861209
4	China P RP	15899180	11685728	11214061
5	U K	2343860	1682309	2040817
6	U Arab EMTS	5508210	3849070	5588868
7	Bangladesh PR	12431150	8921605	12976179
8	France	1427510	972237	2148119
9	Netherland	3888850	4618805	4181273
10	Canada	1309140	2272295	3006475
11	Russia	903950	958808	2039942
12	Mexico	2716050	1704600	2143569
13	Korea RP	1448210	1307412	1256046
14	Australia	1126760	1106270	1227167
15	Japan	1305340	1805688	1912037
Top 15 Countries Export Total		93865640	78921480	102017166
GRAND TOTAL		129856760	113287312	140469881

Annexure-IV

Fund released for implementation of medicinal plant cultivation related activities under medicinal plants component of National Ayush Mission - Centrally Sponsored Scheme from the F.Y. 2015-16 to 2020-21

(Rs. In lakh)

S.No	Name of State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
		Fund Released					
1.	Andhra Pradesh	133.78	457.16	211.87	128.59	314.91	-
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	42.78	61.11	36.86	46.01	26.78
3.	Assam	-	120.24	393.25	189.12	-	-
4.	Bihar	-	-	-	-	287.2	-
5.	Chhattisgarh	-	152.63	178.21	107.86	-	-
6.	Gujarat	168.42	212.19	158.70	308.71	-	-
7.	Goa	-	14.47	26.59	22.94	38.74	-
8.	Haryana	51.68	69.19	-	-	-	-
9.	Himachal Pradesh	61.98	170.07	75.54	63.75	128.94	-
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	54.89	55.17	80.25	49.54	106.04	22.52
11.	Karnataka	137.2	203.33	219.34	148.1	157.4	220.97
12.	Kerala	126.52	168.68	259.66	162.55	-	221.77
13.	Madhya Pradesh	306.91	496.38	450.28	334.46	516.87	230.17
14.	Maharashtra	205.88	-	355.01	-	409.11	-
15.	Manipur	60.8	70.88	85.50	79.08	40.83	-
16.	Meghalaya	-	45.02	91.48	-	45.03	-
17.	Mizoram	14.38	44.32	97.51	62.14	25.2	14.65
18.	Nagaland	60.41	41.38	100.89	63.2	-	33.97
19.	Orissa	-	117.55	-	161.31	-	-
20.	Punjab	-	129.66	-	61.22	148.15	-
21.	Puducherry	-	4.96	-	13.84	6.78	-
22.	Rajasthan	113.53	226.06	747.85	272.38	521.6	-

23.	Sikkim	30.73	31.71	24.98	-	-	18.99
24.	Tamil Nadu	144.22	252.71	228.28	173.09	305.99	-
25.	Telangana	111.32	252.09	118.29	71.87	177.9	-
26.	Tripura	36.06	-	-	47.88	-	-
27.	Uttar Pradesh	720.01	528.17	249.18	912.04	-	209.82
28.	Uttrakhand	60.47	195.37	130.15	75.67	182.1	-
29.	West Bengal	180.63	184.94	201.98	194.7	372.73	-
	Total	2779.82	4287.11	4545.9	3740.9	3831.53	999.64