

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MEDICINAL PLANTS

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

- (a) whether India ranks very low in the trade of medicinal plants in the world market;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to take any measures to augment its share;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture – Supplementation/Complementation of States` Efforts through Work Plans under which there is a provision for extending assistance to the farmers for cultivation of medicinal plants as per the needs of the States. The Department of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy (DISMH), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is also implementing a scheme by providing Central Assistance for Development of Agro-Techniques and Cultivation of Medicinal Plants used in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy. Besides, a Medicinal Plants Board has been set up by the DISMH for coordinating the activities related to conservation, cultivation, marketing and export of medicinal plants.

(d): Does not arise.