

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL HERBAL COUNCIL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up National Herbal Council to promote growth of herbal plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to promote growth of herbal plants in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal of the Government to set up National Herbal Council. However, a National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) is functioning under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

(c): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plan under which the State Governments can take up developmental programmes as per their felt needs including cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants. National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) is also implementing schemes for overall growth of the medicinal plant sector in the country.