

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3670  
ANSWERED ON:19.08.2003  
MEDICINAL PLANTS  
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH;RAM PRASAD SINGH

**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a demand to give boost to the plantation of medicinal plants under the rural development;
- (b) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to encourage the development of medicinal plants in the rural areas of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, whether the Government propose to include this item under the rural development scheme under the purview of Panchayati Raj institutions; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

- (a): The Ministry of Rural Development has been receiving project proposals from States under Special Project Component of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for creating self employment opportunities for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families by growing medicinal plants.
- (b): No, sir.
- (c): Question does not arise.
- (d) & (e): This activity is being encouraged under the Special Project Component of SGSY. However, the implementation mechanism in each project is left to the State Governments.