

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:368
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NATIONAL MEDICINAL PLANT BOARD
AKHILESH SINGH;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had established National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPB) to promote the medicinal plants
- (b) if so, the objects and functions of the Board and achievements made so far;
- (c) whether the sufficient number of officers/staff has been provided for its proper functioning;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken to provide adequate staff to the Board?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Medicinal Plants Board has been established for coordination of all matters relating to medicinal plants including drawing up policies, and strategies for conservation, proper harvesting, cost effective cultivation, research and development, processing, marketing of raw material in order to protect, sustain and develop this sector. The achievements made so far include coverage of 10,500 acres under medicinal plants during the last two years through 324 projects.

(c) & (d) The Board has a sanctioned post of Chief Executive Officer. Besides 15 officers and staff have been deployed to the Board from various organizations under the Department of AYUSH.

(e) The Internal Work Study Unit of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare after assessing the requirements of the Board has recommended 17 posts in addition to that of the C.E.O. to cope up with the work load of the Board.