

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

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FARMING OF MEDICINAL PLANTS  
Singh Smt. Pratibha

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

- (a) whether the government proposes in view of the increasing demand of Indian Ayurvedic medicines in foreign countries to encourage farming of medicinal plants in the country specially in Himachal Pradesh where favourable atmosphere for farming of such plants at commercial level is available;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c): Government have established Medicinal Plants Board at the national level to ensure availability of raw materials required for preparation of Ayurveda and other Indian Systems of Medicine. Under a Central Sector Scheme implemented by the Board, farmers are given 30% subsidy for captive cultivation of medicinal plants. During the year 2003-2004, the first instalment of Rs.3.30 lakhs was given for three projects for cultivation of medicinal plants. Four projects for captive cultivation of medicinal plants have been sanctioned in 2004-2005 with the first instalment of financial assistance amounting to Rs.6.41 lakh.