

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6855  
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SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN NATIONAL MEDICINAL PLANTS BOARD  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is acute shortage of staff in National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) as a result of which thousands of projects are lying pending for examination;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE ( SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) Officers & staff have been provided to National Medicinal Plants Board from Department of AYUSH and organizations working under the Department for smooth functioning of the Board. Approval of Department of Expenditure has been taken for creation of 3 posts viz. Senior Research Assistant, Stenographer Grade-`D` and Computer Operator and outsourcing services for 2 posts viz. Driver and Messenger. A comprehensive proposal for creation of additional 30 posts in the Board has been furnished to the Department of Expenditure.