

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

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SUBSIDY FOR MEDICINAL PLANT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued orders for discontinuation of subsidy for Safedmusli Medicinal Plant;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the status of subsidy applications pending with the Government ; and
- (d) the time by when the applications are likely to be cleared?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No orders have been issued for discontinuation of subsidy for Safed Musali. However, lesser priority is being accorded for cultivation of Safed Musli to avoid glut in the market.

(c) & (d): The applications received are examined for put up before the Project Screening Committee. The projects recommended by the Committee are considered by the Standing Finance Committee of Medicinal Plants Board. Admissible financial assistance is provided depending upon suitability of proposals and availability of funds. No specific time frame is prescribed for clearing the applications.