

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1674  
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GROWING OF MEDICINAL PLANTS IN ORISSA  
Majhi Shri Parsuram

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to grow and extend the cultivation of medicinal plants in Mahendragiri and some other hills and forest areas in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress achieved in this regard so far?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Five projects have been sanctioned by the National Medicinal Plants Board for in-situ and ex-situ conservation of medicinal plants at Mahendragiri, Malyagiri reserved forest, Muniguda reserved forest, Kanjipani in Gandamardan hill range and Hatikote reserved forest. So far 46 projects involving financial outlay of Rs.274.79 lakh covering 844 acres under contractual farming scheme have been sanctioned by the National Medicinal Plants Board in the State of Orissa.