

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:310

ANSWERED ON:14.12.2005

CULTIVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to promote cultivation of medicinal plants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey in regard to suitability of different States/areas for cultivation of medicinal plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the funds to be allocated for promoting the cultivation of medicinal plants?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 310 FOR 14TH DECEMBER, 2005.

- (a)&(b): Government has set up the National Medicinal Plants Board to coordinate all matters relating to development of medicinal plants sector. The Board has been implementing schemes for cultivation and promotion of medicinal plants under which financial assistance is provided to government/non-government organizations and farmers.
- (c) No such survey has been conducted, however, the State Governments have been requested to formulate proposals for cultivation of medicinal plants as per suitability of soil and climatic conditions in their respective areas for consideration of the Board.
- (d) An allocation of Rs. 30 crores has been made for the schemes of National Medicinal Plants Board during the current financial year.