

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

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AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINAL HERBS IN FOREST/ HILLY AREAS

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

(a) whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct any survey of forests and hilly areas of the country to ascertain the availability of medicinal herbs in these areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore;

(d) whether the 'Central Pharmaceutical and Aromatic Institute' has made any efforts to meet the increasing demand of medicinal herbs in the international market and to earn foreign exchange therefrom; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha an autonomous organization under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has conducted survey of Medicinal Plants through out the country through its Survey Units. Approximately 400 forest divisions have been covered including the hill areas of Uttaranchal, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, J&K, Sikkim Nilgiri etc. The Council has published eleven monographs on medicinal plants of different regions.

(c) Does not arise.

(d)&(e) Government has set up Medicinal Plants Board to look into various aspects related to development of medicinal plants sector to augment the availability of medicinal plants and herbs for industry and for export. -