

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2822  
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CONSTITUTION OF MEDICINAL PLANT BOARDS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the work for the constitution of national Medicinal Plant Board and related State Level Boards has been completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the list of medicinal plants decided to be cultivated by such boards;
- (d) whether the commercial business of such plants has already been started; and
- (e) if so the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Medicinal Plants Board was setup vide Resolution notified on 24-11-2000. 35 State level Medicinal Plants Board have also been setup.
- (c) The Board has identified 32 species of Medicinal Plants for development and cultivation on priority under its schemes. List of these plants is at Annexure-1. However, proposals can be considered in respect of other Medicinal Plants also for which there is assured market.
- (d) & (e) The Board considers providing of subsidy only after assuring that there are buy-back arrangements for plants proposed to be cultivated. Specifically there is greater demand for the plants viz. Amla, Ashwagandha, Brahmi, Coleus, Guggal, Isabgol, Kesar, Mulethi, Safaid Musali, Senna and Tulsi etc due to their commercial potential.

Annexure-1

List of 32 medicinal plants identified for cultivation and development on priority under schemes of National Medicinal Plants Board

S.No Common Name Botanical Name

1. Amla	Emblica officinalis Gaertn
2. Ashok	Saraca asoca (Roxb.) de Wilde
3. Ashwagandha	Withania somnifera (Linn.) Dunal
4. Atees	Aconitum heterophyllum Wall. ex Royle
5. Bael	Aegle marmelos (Linn) Corr.
6. Bhumi amlaki	Phyllanthus amarus Schum & Thonn.
7 Brahmi	Bacopa monnieri (L.) Pennell
8. Chandan	Santalum album Linn.
9. Chirata	Swertia chirata Buch-Ham.
10. Daruhaldi	Berberis aristata DC.
11. Giloe	Tinospora cordifolia Miers.
12. Gudmar	Gymnema sylvestre R. Br.
13. Guggal	Commiphora wightii (Arn.) Bhandari
14. Isabgol	Plantago ovata Forsk.
15. Jatamansi	Nardostachys jatamansi DC.
16. Kalihari	Gloriosa superba Linn.
17. Kalmegh	Andrographis paniculata Wall. ex Nees
18. Kesar	Crocus sativus Linn.
19. Kokum	Garcinia indica Chois.
20. Kuth	Saussurea costus C. B. Clarke (S.lappa)

21. Kutki                      Picrorhiza kurroa Benth ex Royle  
22. Makoy

Solanum nigrum Linn.

23. Mulethi                    Glycyrrhiza glabra Linn.  
24. Safaid Musali            Chlorophytum borivillianum Sant.  
25. Patharchur              Coleus        barbatus        Benth. /C. vettiveroides Jacob  
26. Pippal                    Piper longum Linn.  
27. Sarpgandha              Rauwolfia serpentina Benth. ex Kurz  
28. Senna                    Cassia angustifolia Vahl.  
29. Shatavari                Asparagus racemosus Willd.  
30. Tulsi

Ocimum sanctum Linn.

31. Vai Vidang                Embelia ribes Burm. f.  
32. Vatsnabh                 Aconitum ferox Wall.