

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production of medicinal plants and herbs recorded as on date in the country particularly in Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, North-Eastern States and Uttaranchal during the last three years and thereafter till date, State-wise; and

(b) the assistance provided to encourage the production of said plants and herbs during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The annual production of medicinal plants is estimated to be of 2.37 lakh tonnes. State wise figures for such production are not available due to inter state trading and absence of authentic data from the trade centres/mandies.

(b): National Medicinal Plants Board is providing assistance for medicinal plants in all the States under cultivation schemes of the Board. A statement showing the details of assistance provided for cultivation of medicinal plants by the Board during 2004-05 to 2006-07 is annexed as Annexure - I. Ministry of Agriculture is also implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely National Horticulture Mission and Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Uttaranchal in the country for holistic development of horticulture sector duly ensuring an end-to-end approach having forward and backward linkages covering research, production, post harvest management and marketing with the active participation of all the stake holders. The thrust of the Missions is on area based regionally differentiated cluster approach for development of horticulture crops including medicinal and aromatic plants. The assistance for area expansion under horticulture crops along with technical guidance for quality seed production to the growers is provided through extension programmes, which also help in enhancement of area, production and productivity of horticulture crops including medicinal and aromatic plants.

The details of the funds released for promotion of medicinal and aromatic plants under Missions during 2004-05 to 2006-07 is annexed as Annexure- II.