

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1020
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CULTIVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS
Chandel Shri Suresh

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to promote cultivation of medicinal plants in the country in view of the rising demand of Ayurvedic medicines in foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some Union ministries and State Governments have also been included in this programme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India have taken steps to promote cultivation of medicinal plants considering the growing demands of Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha medicines within the country and elsewhere. The Central Government established a Medicinal Plants Board in the Department of AYUSH vide resolution dated 24th November, 2000 under the chairmanship of Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare. An area of 25,500 acres has been covered under cultivation of medicinal plants in addition to in-situ conservation over an area of 28,000 acres during the last three years in different States and U.Ts. taken together.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Representative from Ministry of Environment and Forests, Science & Technology, Commerce, Industry, Finance, Agriculture, Tribal Affairs are members of the Medicinal Plants Board. Two members from State have also been included on two years rotation basis. The Board considers the project proposal duly forwarded by the State Medicinal Plants Boards.