

ACTIVITIES OF STATE MEDICINAL PLANTS

BOARD, HARYANA

The State Medicinal Plants Board established on 13th August 2002 in pursuance of the guidelines of the National Medicinal Plants Board, Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India has been set up in Van Bhawan premises of Haryana Forest Department at Panchkula.

Objectives of the State Medicinal Plants Board required to promote the medicinal plants sector in the State through implementation of Promotional Projects/Schemes and the Contractual Farming Projects, sanctioned and financed by the National Medicinal Plants Board. The projects aim at survey and inventorisation of medicinal plants, in-situ conservation/cultivation of medicinal plants including set up of Herbal Parks, production of quality planting material in nurseries, extension activities for raising awareness through Audio-visual Aids, Seminars, Training Workshops etc. for growers and the personnel engaged in promoting the medicinal plants sector, study of demand and supply position and marketing of medicinal plants, research and development in the Sector, value addition and semi-processing of products of medicinal plants, to promote co-operative efforts among growers and collectors of medicinal plants and cultivation of medicinal plants on contract basis on farmlands for which subsidy is provided by the National Medicinal Plants Board to the extent of 30% of the total project cost.

Funding of Projects

The State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPB) submits Project Proposals for consideration by the National Medicinal Plants Board under following categories:-

- a) Promotional Scheme
- b) Contractual Farming Scheme.

During the past, the following Projects have been sanctioned by the National Medicinal Plants Board for grant-in-aid /subsidy:-

a) Promotional Scheme:

Year	No. of Projects Sanctioned	Sanctioned Amount (Rs. in lacs)
2005-06	06	121.40
2006-07	04	57.15
2007-08	02	27.00
2008-09	-	-
2009-10	01	311.18
2010-11	01	50.00

b) Contractual Farming Scheme

Main objective of the Contractual Farming Projects was to help the farmers in diversification of agriculture crops. Main species that are being raised by the farmers are: Ashwagandha, Sarpgandha, Stevia, Coleus, Mulethi, Senai, Amla, Aloe Vera, Kalmegh, Kalihari, Brahmi, Safed-Musli, etc.

The yearwise Projects that have been sanctioned by the National Medicinal Plants Board under Contractual Farming Scheme are as under:-

Year	No of Projects	Sanctioned Amount (Rs. in lacs)
2005- 06	90	345.16
2006- 07	87	325.227
2007- 08	38	93.45

After the year 2007-08, the work of Contractual Farming Projects was transferred from Forest Department to Horticulture Department by NMPB.

Organizing of Kissan Sammallen

State Medicinal Plants Board organized Kissan Sammallen on 18th May 2007 at Kaithal, 22nd – 23rd September, 2007 at Pinjore and 25th – 26th September, 2007 at Sohna in which about 300 farmers from

various districts participated. Study tours of farmers were arranged to Herbal Garden Chuharpur and Amity Centre for Herbal Development Panchgaon (Manesar), District Gurgaon on 26.09.2007 and 23.09.2007 respectively.

Participation in International Arogya Fair at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

State Medicinal Plants Board actively participated in the International Arogya Fair organized from 26th - 29th October, 2007 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The live medicinal plants (about 5000) were transported from the Herbal Garden Chuharpur for sale. At the said fair all were purchased by the public. Documentary film on medicinal plants was screened during the said fair.

Pamphlets/brochures (10738 numbers) on medicinal plants were distributed to the public during the fair.

State Medicinal Plants Board participated in the Horticulture Expo. Fair organized on 31-01-2008 to 02-02-2008 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. During this fair, 18500 pamphlets/brochures on medicinal plants were distributed to the public and mounted photos on medicinal parts were displayed.

Extension Activities – Information, Education and Communication

Extension material on medicinal plants was prepared for distribution as follows:-

1. औषधीय पौधों की खेती सम्बन्धी योजनाएं
2. हरियाणा में औषधीय पौधों से दवा बनाने वाली प्रमुख फार्मास्यूटिकल्स कम्पनियों के बारे में जानकारी
3. सफेद मूसली की खेती
4. स्टीविया की खेती
5. मुलैठी की खेती
6. सतावार की खेती
7. कोलियस फोर्सखोली
8. अलाविरा की खेती व लाभ
9. आंवला और सौंहजना

The publicity material is distributed to the farmers/public and various field as well as other offices of the Government.

About 25000 medicinal plants were distributed to people during Van Mahotsava 2012 celebrations.

Audio-visual Aid/Documentary Film

A highly educative informative documentary titled 'Jarhi Bootiyan' (Hindi; 28 minutes) was produced in October, 2007 on medicinal plants by the State Medicinal Plants Board, Haryana. The said documentary was telecast on 6th November, 2007 on National Network of Doordarshan by the Doordarshan Directorate, New Delhi.

A total of 404 mounted photos (16" x 20") were got prepared on medicinal plants for distribution in various Government Offices.

The office of Nucleus Centre of the State Medicinal Plants Board has been set up within the Van Bhawan premises at Panchkula.

IFS Compulsory Training

One week compulsory training (20th December, 2008 to 26th December, 2008) for IFS officers was held at Pinjore.

School Herbal Parks

During 2008-09, Eleven School Herbal Parks were sanctioned for Rs. 1,54,000.

2009-10

Board was registered Society under Society Registration Act vide NMPB letter No. Z-18020/40/2006 dated 5th August, 2008 on 27th August, 2009.

Project on endangered species of 500 ha. Guggal and 100 ha. Salai Guggal was sent to NMPB vide this office letter No. 182 dated 15-09-2009 and sanction has been received from NMPB vide their letter No. vide their letter No. 18017/187/CSS/CONS/HR-01/2009-10 MPB dated 1st January, 2010 for Conservation and Development of Guggal in Haryana.

Amount: 311.18 lakh

Districts: Rewari, Mahendergarh, Bhiwani

Rs. 1.5 crore have been released by National Medicinal Plants Board. Till 31st March 2015, 423.5 hectares have been planted. Rest of the work is under way.

2010-11 and 2011-12

A promotional project for Amla and Suhanjana has been approved by NMPB. 1.5 lakh plants of Amla and 1.4 lakh plants of Suhanjana have been distributed to people. Essay/painting competitions were held among 1060 students during March 2012 in all the 21 districts of the state. Plants of Amla were distributed among the students as also pamphlets of Amla and Suhanjana. CEO, SMPB got this work done through Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) Ambala alongwith the assistance of Territorial staff. CEO, SMPB also presided over a function in Panchkula district. The project was funded by NMPB.

The following two projects have been submitted to AYUSH during February 2015.

1. Project on Conservation and Development of Harad (*Terminalia chebula*) in Forest Areas of Haryana Shiwaliks (worth Rs 1.27 crore).
2. Project on Conservation and Development of Bael (*Aegle marmelos*) in Forest Areas of Haryana (worth Rs. 3.20 crore).

Funds Available

Rs. 6.81 lakh available in Guggal Project as on 31.03.2015.