NMPB Consortia for Medicinal Plants

Background

There is resurgence in use of traditional medicines across the globe. The Indian medicine system has proved its efficacy in many medical conditions wherein modern medicines sometimes could not find permanent cure for.

The Indian systems of medicines use Medicinal Plants as the main raw material and their accelerated growth is pushing strongly for the demand for medicinal plants. It is challenging to meet the ever-increasing demand sustainably through wild collection. Although in recent years, cultivation of medicinal plants has started gaining momentum, still a significant part of industry’s requirements continues to be met from wild sources. In order to meet the increasing demand for medicinal plants, from both domestic and overseas markets, there is a need to focus on both ex-situ cultivation of medicinal plants as well as in-situ conservation.

Both the domestic as well as the export markets are dependent on quality raw materials. NMPB supports end to end conservation and cultivation activities along with good post harvesting. NMPB also envisaged the necessity of connectivity between stakeholders in the supply chain and value chain.

To establish the linkage between the farmers and manufacturers, a ‘Seed to Shelf’ approach is being introduced. Wherein, aspects related to Quality Planting Martials (QPM), Good Agriculture Practices (GAP’s), Good Post Harvest Practices (GPHP’s) would be addressed.
Eligible organisation

Farmers/ FPOs/ FPCs/QPM centres/ Seed banks/ Nurseries/ SHGs/ NGOs/ Traders/manufactures/Exporters/Pharma/Research institutes / Agriculture Universities are eligible to be part of consortia.

In the first phase NMPB consortia is proposed for following medicinal plant species.

- Ashwagandha (*Withaniasomnifera*)
- Pippali (*Piper longum*)
- Aonla (*Phyllanthusembelica*)
- Guggulu (*Commiphorawightii*)
- Satavari (*Asparagus racemosus*)

The NMPB Consortia will address/deliberate (not limited to) on following:
- Quality planting material.
- Research & Development.
- Cultivation.
- Trade of medicinal plants/market linkage.

Registration form has been created for registration of Stakeholders and is available on the website of NMPB.

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The NMPB consortia for Medicinal Plants is for facilitation purpose only and there will not be any financial implications on members of the consortia.