

**Invitation for development of quality planting material of Aswagandha (*Withania somnifera*)
under RCFC-Eastern Region, NMPB, Jadavpur University, Kolkata**

National Medicinal Plants Board (MNPB), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India has established its **Regional-cum-Facilitation Centre (RCFC)** for Eastern Region (Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha & West Bengal) at Jadavpur University, Kolkata as an extended arm for the promotion of cultivation of medicinal plants. Recently, NMPB has launched a campaign to promote consumption and planting of **Aswagandha (*Withania somnifera*)** as it is one of the most valuable Indian medicinal plant species used in Ayurvedic traditional medicine. Proposals are invited from FPOs/Farmers Cluster/Government/ Registered Non-Governmental/ NGO/Trust/Private Organizations for **raising Quality Planting Material (QPM) of Aswagandha (*Withania somnifera*) under "National Campaign on Ashwagandha- "A Health Promoter" in Eastern Region (Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal)"**.

QPM development should be done in a modern day high-tech nursery through scientific procedure from the collection of quality seed, drying, processing and storage of same, seed stratification, germination and maintenance after its germination. Ultimately potted saplings need to be supplied for distribution among masses.

Those who are interested to develop QPM of Aswagandha (*Withania somnifera*) may apply for as per the proforma given as **Annexure-I** within a total outlay **approx. Rs. 2 lakhs (upto Rs. 5/- per sapling)**.

There will be a screening of applications based on relevance of the project and capability of the organization. Priority will be given to the organizations undertaken development of QPM particularly in medicinal plants sector. Qualified organizations (four or more from the respective states) will be awarded with the project depending on resource availability.

Submit the proposal as per the format through email to rcfcnmpb@jadavpuruniversity.in/coordinatorrcfc@jadavpuruniversity.in **on or before 31-05-2023**.

The work order will be issued to the selected organizations as per the suggestion of the QPM screening committee once decided. The payment will be made once the QPM is developed within the 6 months of the work order issued of the respective states. **The developed QPM will be distributed as per the directive of RCFC-ER.** Any further enquiry may be raised through email only.

For further information contact:

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NB: The RCFC-ER, NMPB, Jadavpur University reserves the right to implement or discard the process at any point of time without revealing any reason thereof.

**PROFORMA FOR PROJECT PROPOSAL RELATING TO
DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITY PLANTING MATERIALS (QPM) IN NURSERIES**

1.	Title of the project	Development of Aswagandha (<i>Withania somnifera</i>) saplings								
2.	Name of the organization with full address, telephone, fax and e-mail ID.									
3.	Status (Government, Institution/ department, NGO, Trust, companies etc.)									
4.	Registration number and date (for NGO, Trusts and Companies). NGOs and companies should also send the Articles of Association, Memorandum of Association and Annual report									
5.	Name of the Principal Investigator/Project Leader and Co-PIs and their full address									
6.	<p>Detailed Project proposal (Here, a brief description on the medicinal plant species for QPM production in their nursery may be provided. This description can include the importance of the species in the regional markets and drug industry, its current availability and need of large sale cultivation may be highlighted. Then, details such as number of seedlings proposed to raise in the nursery, time required for it and how the seedlings will be distributed for large scale awareness creation Budget for the production of QPM of Aswagandha may be given in the following format</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>No. of saplings</th> <th>Rate</th> <th>Amount (Rs.)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			No. of saplings	Rate	Amount (Rs.)			
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7.	Detailed infrastructure available (i) Land details (Location, Extent, Ownership etc.) (ii) Agri-accessories (iii) Manpower (iv) Experience	
8.	Summary of similar work particularly in medicinal plants sector undertaken by the organization /PI in the last 3 years	
9.	Other sources of financial assistance received by the applicant/organization if any so, furnish details	
10.	Details of financial assistance already received from the Board, if any may be given in the following proforma:	
	Year	
	Amount of grant Purpose in brief	
	Amount of grant utilized	
	Has utilization certificate been accepted by the Board	
	Remarks	
	Amount of grant Purpose in brief	

11.	<p>Certificate</p> <p>Certified that:</p> <p>i) The organization shall abide by all the 'Terms and Conditions' of the grant stipulated in the operational guidelines of the scheme of NMPB, Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India and Regional cum Facilitation Centre (Eastern Region), NMPB, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.</p> <p>ii) All records and reports related to the project have been maintained separately and shall be shown and furnished as and when required by the Regional cum Facilitation Centre (Eastern Region), NMPB, Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India Jadavpur University, Kolkata or its authorized representatives.</p> <p>iii) Project shall be open for evaluation of physical progress and utilization of funds at the discretion of Regional cum Facilitation Centre (Eastern Region), NMPB, Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India Jadavpur University, Kolkata or its authorized representatives.</p>
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	<p>iv) The undersigned shall be responsible for the authenticity of the information and documents furnished in the application and proposal.</p> <p>v) Regional cum Facilitation Centre (Eastern Region), NMPB, Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India Jadavpur University, Kolkata or its authorized representatives shall have the right to recover the grant or take legal action against the organization for any default or deviation from the terms and conditions of sanction of grant.</p> <p>vi) No financial assistance/grant has been sought and or obtained from any Central or State Govt. organization for the same purpose.</p> <p>vii) It is certified that all applicable laws/rules and legal provisions are followed while preparing the project proposal for this purpose.</p> <p>viii) It is also certified that the project proposal is formulated as per the relevant provisions/ clauses of the guidelines of the Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants.</p> <p>Date:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signature of Authorized Authority and Head of the Institution</p>
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Note:

- i) Proof of registration certificate/land ownership/leasehold and market mechanism (wherever applicable) to be submitted.
- ii) Costing pattern to be provided in the form of schedule of rates as applicable.
- iii) Supporting documents including map (where applicable) must be attached.