

		on the type of Eczema. The two combinations of drugs tried in 4000 and 1200 cases in two groups showed complete remission in 53 & 60% of cases respectively.
Kala Azar	17	Preliminary studies conducted showed significant response of Unani drugs in subsiding all the clinical signs and symptoms and reducing the fatality. The study was conducted on 87 acute cases of Kala Azar and showed 36.8% complete remission. The drugs are entirely safe and free from any side effects. Further studies are in progress.

(d) and (e) Yes. The Delhi Government has recently approved opening of two new Unani Centres one each at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Hospital and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Hospital, New Delhi. A Unani Medical Centre and Specialty Clinic is already functioning at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi attracting a large number of patients of chronic ailments for Unani treatment.

Insurance coverage for citizens

2686. SHRI THOMAS SANGMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating partnering with the private sector to provide the insurance coverage to people at a low rate on the lines of the Yashaswini Insurance Scheme in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the specific details of the partnerships that Government is thinking of entering into; and

(c) the range of profits that the private sector is expected to each as a result of this partnership?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Promotion of naturopathy in the country

2687. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are very few colleges/institutions which promote naturopathy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up more institutions to promote naturopathy in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what is the amount annually spent on naturopathy-related institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN): (a) Yes.

(b) There are only 12 colleges (including three State Government run colleges located in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka) awarding Bachelor of Naturopathy & Yogic Sciences (BNYS) degree of 5 or 5½ years duration. In addition, there are more than 300 hospitals promoting Yoga and Naturopathy in the country.

(c) and (d) The Central Government has established the National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN), Pune and the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN), New Delhi. There is no proposal to set up any new institution at present.

(e) Details of amount spent during last three years is given below.

(Figure in Rs.)

Sl.No.	Institutions	Year		
		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
1	NIN	2,98,00,000	4,36,99,993	5,29,99,900
2	CCRYN *	4,38,56,435	11,95,97,014	14,11,99,677
GRAND TOTAL		7,36,56,435	16,32,97,007	19,41,99,577

* Amount includes Yoga

Sex ratio at birth

2688.SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an improvement in sex ratio at birth in the country;