

**Status of Central Ayurvedic Laboratory, Ganiadhauli**

†2552. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of Central Ayurvedic Laboratory which is under construction at Ganiadhauli (Ranikhet) Almora, Uttarakhand;
- (b) by when this laboratory will start functioning;
- (c) whether local youths will be accorded special priority in the recruitment of the staff in the laboratory; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN) : (a) and (b) There is no Central Ayurvedic Laboratory under construction at Ganiadhauli (Ranikhet) Almora, Uttarakhand. It is the new building complex of Regional Research Institute of Himalayan Flora, Tarikhet under Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), which is under construction at Ganiadhauli (Thapla), Ranikhet, Almora (Uttarakhand). The institute is presently running at the premises of Jawahar Navodaya Vidhyalaya, Tarikhet (Ranikhet) and it will start functioning from the new building complex at Ganiadhauli (Ranikhet) on completion of the construction work.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to do fresh recruitments at present since the existing staff of the institute will continue to work from the new building on completing of construction.

**Manufacturing of Ayurvedic medicines**

†2553. SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of manufacturers of Ayurvedic medicines is about 1000 in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

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