

Scientific validation of Unani medicines

1283. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any plan for scientific validation of Unani medicines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to increase the volume of research in Unani system of medicines and develop safe and cost effective treatment for various deadly diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes. Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), an autonomous organization under Ministry of AYUSH is engaged in the Scientific validation of Unani Pharmacopoeial formulations in various diseases, since 2012. So far validation studies on 20 Pharmacopoeial formulations in 10 disease conditions have been completed and in another 41 formulations, in 27 disease conditions is in progress.

(c) The Government has taken following steps to increase the volume of research in Unani system of medicines and develop safe and cost effective treatment for various deadly diseases:

- (i) time bound research projects have been allotted under the Intramural Research policy;
- (ii) greater emphasis has been laid on undertaking collaborative research studies with reputed scientific organizations and allopathic hospital like AIIMS, New Delhi;
- (iii) randomized Control Trials in different non-communicable diseases such as Diabetes mellitus, Hypertension, Vitiligo have been carried out at different institutes under CCRUM.
- (iv) research projects on Unani medicine have also been awarded under the EMR scheme of Ministry of AYUSH to different scientific institutions/ colleges/Universities;
- (v) the institutes under CCRUM have also been suitably strengthened by providing better infrastructure.