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Note: ISM-Indian System of Medicine (Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha)

Written Answers to

Any- any system of the medicine (Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Yoga & Naturopathy and Homoeopathy) Status of Telangana is included under Andhra Pradesh

Ayurvedic treatment centres in Bihar

†1706. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

- whether Government is ready to publicise Ayurvedic medicine in rural areas of the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the districts and Panchayats in Bihar where treatment centres have been opened if treatment is provided through Ayurvedic medicines and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Government has taken following steps to publicise Ayurvedic medicine in rural areas of the country:

1. The State / UT Governments are provided Grant-in-aid for procurement of essential AYUSH medicines including Ayurveda medicines for AYUSH Hospitals & Dispensaries,

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AYUSH Co-located facilities at Primary Health Centers (PHC), Community Health Centers (CHC) and District Hospital (DH) under National AYUSH Mission (NAM).

- 2. Further, provision has also been made for following activities under NAM:
- (i) Behavior Change Communication (BCC) has been included as a strategy of Mass Media Communication incorporating AYUSH strengths in early prevention of diseases through promotion of healthy diet and life style to be adopted by the community which will be advocated by the states.
- (ii) Public Health Outreach activity has been included to focus on increasing awareness about AYUSH's strength in solving community health problems resulting from nutritional deficiencies, epidemics and vector-borne diseases, Maternal and Child Health Care.
- (iii) AYUSH Gram is a concept wherein one village per block is selected for adoption of method and practice of AYUSH way of life and interventions of health care. In AYUSH village AYUSH based lifestyles are promoted through behavioral change communication, training of village health workers towards identification and use of local medicinal herbs and provision of AYUSH health services.
- (b) Health is a State subject. The details of districts and Panchayats of Bihar having treatment centers of Ayurveda are not maintained by the Government of India.

Upgrading of Tirunelveli Siddha Medical College

1707. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Tirunelveli Medical Siddha College would be upgraded into a university specially to carry out rare research on herbs available along the western ghats;
 and
 - (b) if so, the initiatives taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) No. Government Siddha Medical College, Palayamkottai (Taluk), Tirunelveli (Dist.), Tamil Nadu is a State Government College. There is no proposal to upgrade this college into a University.