

Optimum utilisation of manpower in health sector

1711.DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry constituted a Committee to explore the possibility of promoting the concept of Holistic Health in the country in order to optimise the utilisation of available manpower in the health sector; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Committee has presented its report and if so, the details thereof and the action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) Yes. The Government of India, Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) on 25th August, 2014, constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. H.R. Nagendra, Chancellor, S-Vyasa Yoga University, Bengaluru to explore the possibility of promoting the concept of Holistic Health in the country in order to optimize the utilization of available manpower in the health sector.

The mandate of the Committee was “to review the current status of the traditional systems of medicine and plan a holistic health programme, taking help of all our systems of medicine; suggest appropriate training/orientation courses and any other items, which may be considered essential for promotion of holistic health”.

(b) The Committee submitted its report on 10th November 2014. Some of the main recommendations are as per following –

- (i) Introduce a National Holistic Public Health System which integrates AYUSH at Primary, Secondary and Tertiary levels.
- (ii) Reform medical education, research and legal framework to support the National Holistic Public Health system.
- (iii) National Holistic AYUSH Health Programmes for NCDs, Geriatrics, Maternal & Child Health should be formulated and implemented by National AYUSH Mission. About 25% of the AYUSH budget should be allotted to Yoga and Naturopathy.
- (iv) Identifying new, as well as strengthening existing, AYUSH Centers of Excellences, and nurturing them to expand further to contribute to the Holistic Health Care

delivery system. They should generate evidence from extensive research on clinical and AYUSH principles.

- (v) A minimum of 20% of the AYUSH budget should be allotted for Research on treatment, prevention, rehabilitation and promotion of positive health.
- (vi) The funding policy of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare should consider Government funding to not for profit non-Government agencies, that are well managed and have track record of public interest work, on the same basis as funding to Government initiatives.

The AYUSH intervention for prevention and control of Non Communicable diseases has already been initiated. Significant part of AYUSH budget is being spent on Research. Various Central sector schemes of the Ministry of AYUSH has the provision to support the projects submitted by NGOs depending upon their eligibility and quality of proposal.

Removal of restriction on advance booking of airlines tickets

1712. SHRI PANKAJ BORA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government has removed the restriction of advance booking of the airlines tickets to their customers upto 12 months, if so, the details thereof, and

(b) whether Government has made any bi/tri-partite agreement to ensure the bookings and journey thereof, and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Presently, there is no restriction imposed by Directorate General of Civil Aviation on the advanced booking of the airlines.

(b) Booking for air travel is a contractual matter between passenger and-airline. The terms and conditions of air travel are agreed between the passengers and the airlines at the time of bookings.

Baggage theft at IGI Airport

1713. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instances of baggage theft at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, Delhi, are increasing;