

**Propagation of Yoga**

2405. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

- (a) the action plan of Government to propagate Yoga all over the world;
- (b) how it will fulfil the needs and duration of time; and
- (c) what is the financial support for this ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has intimated that they have taken several measures to propagate Yoga abroad starting with celebration of the first International Day of Yoga (IDY) on 21st June, 2015. The grand success of the event celebrated in 192 countries by millions of people has provided the impetus for continuing activities and for celebration of IDY every year on June 21st. The MEA has further contended that popularisation of Yoga is an important aspect of India's cultural diplomacy for the promotion of Yoga as civilizational heritage.

(c) There is provision in the schemes of both the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of AYUSH for supporting activities to promote Yoga. The financial support will be commensurate with the requirements.

**Inclusion of Yoga in graduate and post-graduate curriculum**

2406. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has constituted/proposes to constitute any expert panel/committee for the standardisation of Yoga education, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the time by when the said Panel/Committee is likely to submit its report;
- (c) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has recognised Yoga in the form of a full fledged curriculum at graduate and post-graduate level, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of full-time or part-time courses being run for preparing Yoga instructors for universities/colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The Government of India, Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy,