

10 International Access Agreements on TKDL have been concluded with United States Patent & Trademark Office, European Patent Office, Canada Patent Office, Germany Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, United Kingdom Patent Office, Australia Patent Office, Malaysia Patent Office, and Chile Patent Office including Indian Patent Office.

(c) As per the information provided by CSIR, Russian Patent Office (ROSPAT) has approached the Government of India for entering into TKDL Access Agreement. The negotiations are in advance stage.

The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), informed that a proposal has been moved for signing Access Agreement with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to include the TKDL under Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Minimum Documentation to prevent the misappropriation of Traditional Knowledge through wrongful grant of patents in other countries.

(d) At present TKDL is only available to International Patent Offices under non-disclosure access agreement. Therefore, Digital India Programme does not have impact on TKDL progress at present.

Specific scheme to promote Yoga world-wide

2565. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken measures to promote Yoga across the world through any specific scheme initiated or launch by Government which may also include social organization;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for it; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, under Central Sector Scheme of International Cooperation (IC), the Ministry of AYUSH undertakes measures for global promotion and popularization of AYUSH systems of Medicine including Yoga.

The Ministry deputed Yoga experts to participate in fairs/ workshops organized by the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Commerce, etc. and Indian Missions abroad for Yoga demonstration and lectures. The Ministry of AYUSH had in collaboration with Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)

deputed Yoga teachers to Indian Missions for a period of 7 days by revising IC Scheme to train Yoga enthusiasts for their participation in the Mass Yoga Demonstration organized by various Indian Missions abroad to celebrate the first International Day of Yoga.

Separately, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) under auspices of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) also deputs Yoga teachers to Indian Missions for imparting training to local students and teachers. MEA also provides publicity material including videos, documentaries, coffee table books, instructional manuals on the different aspects of yoga and yogic practices to Indian Missions for display and distribution. MEA also has been building partnerships with local organisations like Art of Living Global Centre, Gayatri Parivar, Isha Foundation Global, Iyengar Yoga Foundation, etc. that have been instrumental in spreading knowledge about yoga in different parts of the world.

The ICCR has recently signed an MoU with Yunnan Minzu University, China for establishment of Yoga College named "India-China College of Yoga". The part support for this initiative has been provided by the Ministry of AYUSH.

The financial support for promoting various activities is decided on case to case basis.

(c) Does not arise, in view of reply at (a) and (b) above.

Naturopathy and yoga practitioners in the country

†2566. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Naturopathy and Yoga doctors in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government is contemplating to formulate a special policy/scheme to promote Yoga and Naturopathy;
- (c) the system and rules of registration of Yoga and Naturopathy doctors in the country; and
- (d) whether Government has any special plan for the education of Yoga and Naturopathy, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The number of registered Yoga and Naturopathy practitioners state/ UT wise is given in Statement-I (*See below*).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.