

Rare medical plants for treatment of dengue

962. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the traditional village medical healers of remote villages of Tamil Nadu have the knowhow of rare medicinal plants/herbs which they had been using for centuries successfully for the treatment of dengue; and

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has conducted any survey in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No such information/ report has been received by the Ministry of AYUSH.

(b) The Government has set-up five autonomous Research Councils, namely, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicines (CCRUM), Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH). The CCRUM has conducted ethno-botanical surveys in different forest divisions in the State of Tamil Nadu. However, no information on medicinal use of plants for the treatment of dengue was gathered from the traditional village medical healers.

Other Councils have also not conducted any such survey.

Allocation under NAM for Tamil Nadu

963. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) what is the allocation made under the National Ayush Mission (NAM) for the State of Tamil Nadu during the financial year 2016-17;

(b) what targets have been set for promotion and strengthening of AYUSH in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) whether the Ministry has undertaken any evaluation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Under National AYUSH Mission (NAM), an amount of ₹ 2210.00 lakhs (Central Share- ₹ 1326.00 lakhs and State Share- ₹ 884.00 lakhs) has been allocated as the resource pool for the State of Tamil Nadu during the financial year 2016-17.

(b) Under NAM grant-in-aid is being provided to State/UT Governments including Tamil Nadu for promotion and strengthening of AYUSH as per their proposed State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). Since, implementation of the programme comes under the purview of State/UT Governments, no target has been fixed by Government of India for each State/UT including Tamil Nadu. However, resource pool with respect to NAM for each State/UT Government including Tamil Nadu has been communicated to the States/UTs. Accordingly the State of Tamil Nadu and other States/UTs are required to prepare their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per their requirements in accordance with NAM guidelines.

(c) Government of India has approved and notified National AYUSH Mission (NAM) on 29.09.2014. No evaluation has been undertaken by the Ministry so far.

Utilisation of funds for AYUSH products

964. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether projects approved under the Ministry have failed to take off due to non-availability of land, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;

(b) the amount approved for these projects, the amount utilised, reason for underutilisation or overutilisation and corrective action, if any, taken; and

(c) whether measures have been undertaken to integrate traditional medicine systems into modern medicines, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSONAIK): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, the Ministry of AYUSH through its three research organizations, namely Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) and Central Council for Research in Unani Medicines (CCRUM) has launched a programme to integrate Ayurveda, Homoeopathy and Unani with National Programme for Prevention and control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS).

Further, to converge the research approach existing in AYUSH systems with the modern system of medicine, the Ministry of AYUSH has completed preliminary deliberations with Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) and has decided to provide specific leads to them to enable molecular based study.