

Government of India has approved and notified the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) on 29-09-2014, which, *inter alia*, includes the component of AYUSH Services, where there is provision of financial assistance for infrastructure, equipments/furniture and medicines for co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs).

#### **Measures for popularising yoga**

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

- (a) the measures taken to maintain the demands of world market now that yoga has become world accepted therapy for happy living;
- (b) what are the steps taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) whether Government is taking any precautionary steps to check misuse of yoga for selfish purpose, if so, what are those?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The Ministry of AYUSH has since launched a scheme for voluntary certification of yoga professionals on 22nd June, 2015 in collaboration with Quality Council of India (QCI) during the valedictory session of 'International Conference of Yoga for Holistic Health'. The scheme aims at promoting authentic yoga as a preventive and health promoting drugless therapy. It involves certifying the competence level of the professionals to help their deployment within and outside the country to meet the increased demands.

(c) To check misuse of yoga and safeguard/protect India's Cultural Heritage, Ministry of AYUSH had filed nomination of Yoga for inscription in the representative list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity for the cycle 2016 by the UNESCO.

#### **Pact with WHO on traditional medicines**

966. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has signed a pact with WHO in the field of traditional medicines;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the pact; and