

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Collaboration with WHO on traditional medicines

1662. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of AYUSH has entered into an agreement with the World Health Organization (WHO) in the field of traditional medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof including likely expenditure to be incurred and the funding pattern agreed upon the said collaboration;

(c) the extent by which the said collaboration is likely to promote acceptability of traditional Indian Medicines internationally and the timeframe of its implementation; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by Government for overall promotion of AYUSH system of medicines both domestically and internationally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Yes, Project Collaboration Agreement was signed with the World Health Organization (WHO) on 13.5.2016. Under the agreement, India would assign to WHO activities for development of the following WHO Technical documents/ publications:-

- Benchmarks for training in Yoga
- Benchmarks for practice in Ayurveda
- Benchmarks for practice in Unani Medicine
- Benchmarks for practice in Panchkarma

As per the agreement, the estimated expenditure to be incurred amounts to US\$ 977,040. The outgo will be in four instalments. First instalment to be paid within two months after the agreement is signed (US\$ 123,170); second by the end of July, 2016 (US\$ 210,180); third by the end of July 2017 (US\$ 151,420) and the fourth by the end of July 2018 (USD \$ 202,270). The balance amount of US 290,000 would be incurred in India. The end date of the Project would be 31st December, 2020.

(d) The Ministry has signed a number of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)/ Letters of Intent (LoIs) for 'Country to Country' Cooperation/Collaborative Research in the field of Traditional Medicine and MoUs for setting up of AYUSH Academic Chairs. For dissemination of authentic information about AYUSH medicines, 20 AYUSH Information Cells have been set up in the premises of Indian Missions/Cultural Centres. The Ministry of AYUSH participates/organises International exhibitions/ conferences / workshops / seminars / symposiums, etc in India and abroad through Indian missions/ CII/ FICCI/ ITPO/ ASSOCHAM/ Pharmexcil etc. The Ministry of AYUSH also organizes comprehensive health fairs on Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy namely AROGYA to promote awareness and showcase strengths of these systems through the reputed Organizations like Chemexil, Pharmexil, CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM, ICC, ITPO etc and other reputed NGOs and the State Governments. To encourage the citizens to adopt AYUSH systems of medicine across the country, the Ministry also undertakes publicity campaigns and other promotional activities through print/ electronic media.

Shortage of doctors and staff at All India Institute of Ayurveda, Delhi

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

(a) the details of steps taken by Ministry to promote Ayurvedic treatment in the country in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a huge shortage of doctors and other staff in Ayurvedic hospitals of All India Institute of Ayurveda built on Mathura Road, Badarpur area, Delhi and the details of shortage and availability of staff;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the building, its equipments and other resources of this hospital are not being utilized fully; and

(d) the number of patients treated here in last three years and its capacity of treating patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Two new institutes, namely, All India Institute

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