

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Preserving medicinal herbs in Chhattisgarh

2462. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state what steps Government is taking to secure herbs in jungles against fire and mining specially in Jashpur district in Sanna and Pandrapath area and also in Manopa, Bagicha, Duldula, Farsabahar, Kasabel, Palhalgaon and Jashpur blocks of Jashpur district in Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): As per information furnished by the State Government of Chhattisgarh, to secure herbs against fire in forests of Sanna, Pandrapath areas, Manora zone under Jashpur Forest Division and other areas of District Jashpur, the Government is taking necessary steps by performing clearing of existing fire line and control burning every year before 15th February. Thereafter, from 16th February till 15th June, in fire season, the spread of fire is controlled with the help of Fire Watchmen and Plantation Protection Labourers. In addition, the spread of fire is also controlled with the help of Forest Management Committees of Jashpur Forest Division.

To check the illegal mining, the forests staff always remain deployed in the area, as a result of which no instance of illegal mining has been recorded in last two years in Jashpur Forest Division.

Establishing AYUSH university in Kerala

2463. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry will help Kerala Government to establish a separate University for Ayush to promote various disciplines in Ayush and ensure that high research is encouraged in these areas; and

(b) whether Ministry in the process will help Ayush disciplines to discard outdated notions and practices that are still present in these disciplines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The Government of India supports educational activities of AYUSH system by providing assistance under the component of Development of AYUSH Institutions of NAM to facilitate improvement in infrastructure