

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**Ayurveda hospital in China**

139. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state whether Government is planning to establish an Ayurveda hospital in China and, 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): No. There is no such plan.

Collaboration with WHO to promote yoga and traditional medicines

140. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and World Health Organisation (WHO) have signed any agreement for collaboration to promote yoga, ayurveda, traditional medicine, etc., if so, the details thereof; and

(b) to what extent this collaboration will be beneficial in developing and promoting AYUSH in the country?

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. 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

The development of the WHO Technical documents/publications will help in better international acceptability of Indian Systems of Medicines.