

Upgrading of AYUSH lab at Gudivada, Andhra Pradesh

2247. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether AYUSH Ministry has a state-of-the-art lab at Gudivada in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the activities of the above lab;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a long pending demand/necessity to upgrade/ strengthen this lab; and

(d) if so, what steps Ministry has taken to strengthen it and the quantum of money which has been sanctioned, released and spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy is an autonomous research organization under the Ministry of AYUSH. This Council has a Regional Research Institute with a functional clinical laboratory at Eluru Road, Gudivada in Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh to undertake routine hematological and biochemical investigations, X-Ray, uroflow-metry for the patients visiting general and research OPDs and the patients admitted in the IPD.

(c) and (d) Vertical expansion of the old building of Regional Research Institute, Gudivada has been taken up since September, 2015, which is *inter alia* meant for up-gradation of the laboratory with an approved cost of ₹ 3.20 crore. Construction of the second floor of the building is in progress through Central Public Works Department (CPWD). The funds have been fully released and the work is nearing completion.

Participation of Ministry in safety appraisal of GM Mustard

2248. SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR:

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

(a) whether the AYUSH representatives took part in the safety appraisal process run by Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) in the Ministry of Environment,

Forest and Climate Change with regard to GM mustard, which if approved, could be India's first transgenic food crop for cultivation in the country;

- (b) if so, the details of how impact on Ayurveda was assessed; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous organizations under Ministry of AYUSH and National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) have been consulted by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (M/o EF&CC). The CCRAS has provided details on Brassica Species used in AYUSH system and medicinal use of DMH-11 in this regard.

(b) and (c) CCRAS, an apex autonomous organization under Ministry of AYUSH has not conducted any study on the impact of GM Mustard.

Insurance cover for AYUSH treatment on par with Allopathy

2249. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has finalized a standardised protocol to include insurance coverage for AYUSH treatment at par with Allopathy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by which time this will be implemented and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Health Insurance Regulations, 2013 notified by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority and further amended in 2016 enable General Insurers and Health Insurers for providing insurance coverage to AYUSH treatment provided the treatment has been undergone in a government hospital or in any institute recognized by Government and/or accredited by Quality Council of India or National Accreditation Board on Health. With these provisions, insurance companies may design products offering AYUSH coverage in their health insurance products and some insurance companies are reported to have been offering products for insurance coverage to AYUSH treatments. Recently, on 30th September 2016, guidelines for insurance