

The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) has undertaken study to assess usefulness of Homoeopathic medicine in cancer patients having side effects from Chemotherapy. The Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN) organises Yoga and Diabetes awareness programme through Government and Non-Government organizations.

Guidelines for testing AYUSH medicines

1442. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) recently released guidelines relating to standards to be adhered for testing medicines by AYUSH so as to bring them closer to allopathic medicines and the manner in which these are to be implemented; and

(b) the areas in which the said guidelines will deal with in emerging fields of research?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) ICMR has Prepared guidelines for biomedical research on human participants which has a chapter on drug/devices/diagnostics/vaccines/herbal remedies, which covers clinical evaluation of traditional, Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani remedies and medicinal plants. These guidelines are under process of revision in view of recent scientific developments.

Clinical trial for Ayurvedic medicines

†1443. DR. SUBHASH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for clinical trials of Ayurvedic medicines, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Ayurvedic medicines are being sold on a large scale at present without test and trial; and

(c) if so, the strategy being formed by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has undertaken clinical study of 17 formulations for reproductive and child health care and 8 formulations under drug development are in progress. CCRAS has completed clinical research in 94 projects. Clinical research in 14 cases is on-going and in 28 cases Clinical Research is to be initiated.

(b) and (c) No. Ayurvedic, Siddha or Unani drugs are sold under license given by the State Licensing Authorities. Rule 158 B of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 prescribes regulatory requirements including submission of proof of safety and effectiveness for licensing of Ayurvedic, Siddha or Unani drugs. Enforcement of these provisions is under purview of the State Licensing Authorities appointed by the State Governments. Directive is issued to all state Licensing Authorities, Research Councils, National Institutes, Health Universities and Ayurvedic, Siddha or Unani Drugs manufacturers Associations to ensure registration of the clinical trials of AYUSH in the Clinical Trials Registry of India (CTRI).

Development of Hodopathy system of medicines

†1444. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medicinal products are found in the forest area spread on 29 per cent land area of Jharkhand;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 26 per cent Scheduled Tribe population of the State practices indigenous treatment through Hodopathy based on herbal medicines but there is lack of institutional development of Hodopathy; and

(c) if so, whether Government would establish a research training-cum-medical institute in the Scheduled Tribe dominant areas of Jharkhand for development and utilization of Hodopathy and herbal medicines, if so, by when and 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) As per Forest Survey of India's report titled "India State of Forest Report, 2015", around 29.45% land area of Jharkhand state is under forest cover and as per the information of State Government of Jharkhand, plants species of medicinal value are also found in these forest areas of Jharkhand.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.