

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**Patenting of Unani treatment of Vitiligo**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Unani Medicine under the Ministry has discovered an effective remedy to treat Vitiligo;

(b) if so, why the medicine is not available on large scale to the public;

(c) whether there is any problem to take patent rights for Unani medicines, if not, the reasons therefor due to which initiatives are not being taken for securing patent rights of useful Unani medicines; and

(d) how many patent rights of Unani medicines are taken so far?

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 Unani Medicine (CCRUM) under Ministry of AYUSH has conducted clinical studies on Vitiligo and developed treatments which have shown positive result in fighting this disease.

(b) The two combinations of the drugs viz., UNIM-001 (Oral) + UNIM-003 (Local) and UNIM-004 (Oral) + UNIM-005 (Local) showed significant therapeutic effects in this disease. These drugs have been made available to the patients at the clinical centres of the Council as Post Trials Accessibility of the drugs in the PTA OPD till such time patent is granted, Provisional patents have already been filled.

(c) As per new patent policy 2013 for herbal drugs patent cannot be granted for the drugs that have been made by administering various ingredients for which references of its ingredients are available in the classical literature. As a result over 13 provisional patents filled by the Council were rejected after issue of these guidelines. This is the main hurdle to bring the drugs in the market.

(d) The Council has been awarded patents for Eight drugs by the year 2012. Prior to the issue of the above guidelines in part (c).

Development of new drugs under AYUSH system

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

(a) the details of new drugs developed and new medicines introduced in AYUSH system of medicines along with research works undertaken in this regard during the