

**Setting up of Ayurvedic Research Institute in Kerala**

479. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry will provide all help to the initiative of Government of Kerala to establish an Ayurvedic Research Institute in the State;

(b) whether the Ministry recognizes importance of promoting high quality research in various areas of Ayurveda like Panchakarma, Ksharakarma, Netrachikitsa etc. through short term PG Diploma courses for doctors; and

(c) whether it will promote setting up of an Institute of inter-disciplinary research in biotechnology and pharmaceuticals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Government of India has already established two research institutes in Kerala, namely Central Ayurveda Research Institute for Neuromuscular and Musculo-Skeletal Disorders, Cheruthuruthy and Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Life Style Related Disorders, Thiruvananthapuram.

(b) Yes. Government of India has established Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) as apex body for formulation and coordination of research in Ayurveda in the country. Ministry of AYUSH also supports Research through Extra Mural Research (EMR) Scheme.

(c) Currently there is no such proposal.

**Unani Centres in West Bengal, Assam and Tripura**

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

(a) whether there are any Unani Centres under the Ministry in West Bengal, Assam and Tripura;

(b) if so, how many and where;

(c) how many patients these Centres serve daily; and

(d) whether there exist any hospital facilities for the patients under Unani treatment in West Bengal, Assam and Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), one Unani Wellness Centre is functioning in Kolkata, West Bengal. Also Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine which is under the Ministry of AYUSH, has a Regional Research Institute of Unani Medicine at Kolkata. In the State of Assam a Regional Research Center (RRC) of Unani Medicine is functioning at Silchar with an extension Center at district Karimganj. There is no Unani Center in the State of Tripura.

(c) and (d) The average attendance of patients at CGHS Unani Wellness Centre Kolkata is approximately 15 patients per day, and in Regional Research Institute of Unani Medicine (RRIUM), Kolkata it is approximately 29 patients per day, and the clinical attendance at Regional Research Centre (RRC), Silchar and Karimganj it is 62 patients per day.

All three above mentioned Centers have only OPD facilities.

#### **Overcoming deficiency in expanding scope of AYUSH**

481. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: 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 Ministry is unable to deliver the expected results of expanding the scope of AYUSH to the urban, semi-urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, whether it is due to insufficient Doctors and paramedic staff from the AYUSH system of medicine and funds; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to overcome such deficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c): Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide health care services lies with the respective State/UT Governments. However, Government of India through Centrally Sponsored scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) facilitates the promotion of AYUSH in the country including urban, semi urban and rural areas as per the following activities:—

- (i) Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centers (PHCs), Community Health Centers (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs).
- (ii) Upgradation of exclusive State Government AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries.