

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**Cancer research using Ayurvedic method**

1921. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any successful research on cancer by local or Ayurvedic method; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and normal expenditure on it compared to Allopathy method?

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 Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous body under the Ministry of AYUSH has undertaken development of a coded drug AYUSH QOL-2C for improving the quality of life in cancer patients. The clinical studies were conducted at St. John's Medical College, Bengaluru and AIIMS, New Delhi, in breast cancer patients and at Bhagwan Mahaveer Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Jaipur in lung cancer patients. It is not possible to compare the expenditure on research on cancer in Ayurveda *viz-a-viz* Allopathy as it depends upon variables like methodology, parameters etc. adopted for research.

Land for conservation of medicinal plants in Jharkhand

†1922. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

- (a) how many hectares of land are supported for Resource Augmentation of Medicinal Plants in Jharkhand under Central Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants; and
- (b) the number of Herbal Gardens being developed in the country in the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH is implementing its "Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants" since financial year 2008-09 throughout the country. Under this scheme a total area of 900 hectare has been supported for Resource Augmentation of medicinal plants in the State of Jharkhand.

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