

(b) Government has established a robust institutional network consisting of Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, Pharmacopoeia Commission of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy, Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Committee and Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory for promoting research, standardization and validation of homoeopathic medicines.

Developing of herbal garden with foreign collaboration

2885. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal from any foreign technology giant to develop herbal garden with prominent medicinal plants free of cost;

(b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details about the current status on such proposal and the list of such lands to be used for such cause, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Presently, the NMPB, Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India is implementing a "Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants" throughout the country under which there is a provision to provide project based support to various Government and Non-Government organisations to develop different types of Herbal Gardens (*viz.* Home Herbal Gardens, School Herbal Gardens, Institutional/Public Herbal Gardens and Herbal Gardens of State and National importance) However, at present, the Government has no proposal from any foreign technology giant to develop herbal garden.

(c) Does not arise.

Research in Unani and Siddha

2886. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that while Ayurveda and Homoeopathy systems are comparatively well established, Unani and Siddha lag behind in research and popularity;

(b) if so, whether Government is taking any steps to promote research in Unani and Siddha; and

(c) if so, the details thereof 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) to (c) The Unani and Siddha systems are well established in research and popularity like Ayurveda and Homoeopathy.

With a view to promote research and popularity of Unani Medicine, the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine is engaged in new drug development for emerging and chronic diseases, besides the generation of scientific data of efficacy and safety of classical / pharmacopoeial drugs. The outcomes of the research is published / presented in various scientific journals / seminar / conference etc. Also National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore, an Autonomous organization under the Ministry of AYUSH, is conducting research activities through PG and Ph.D scholars in various disciplines of Unani Medicine.

With the establishment of National Institute of Siddha and the Central Council for Research in Siddha, the system has got a special impetus and is developing very fast. The patients availing treatment are also increasing day-by-day and the emergence of Siddha medicines as efficacious remedy for endemic diseases like dengue and non-communicable diseases like diabetes, etc., the Siddha system is fast emerging as the preferred system of medicine for a large number of people.

Setting up yoga and naturopathy institutes in tribal dominated areas

2887. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the institutions providing the services of Yoga and Naturopathy in Delhi and other parts of the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up similar institutions in tribal areas of the country;

(c) if so, the time by which these are likely to be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?