

(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?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Health is a State subject and setting up of such institutions to provide Yoga and Naturopathy services falls in the purview of State Government. However, there are three autonomous bodies under Ministry of AYUSH which provide services of Yoga and Naturopathy, within the specific mandates set for them. These autonomous bodies are:

- (i) Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi
- (ii) Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy, New Delhi
- (iii) National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal currently with this Ministry.

(d) Since Health is a State subject, the activity of setting up such institutions falls within the purview of the concerned State Government. However, there is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Ministry of AYUSH called National AYUSH Mission (NAM) which provides substantial assistances to State Governments for setting up such institutions, subject to scheme guidelines of NAM.

Awareness regarding Yoga in the country

2888. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to create awareness regarding yoga in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Government to prevent fake practitioners of yoga in training and therapy; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to set up a regulatory mechanism to improve the standard of yoga teaching and yoga therapy in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes. Under the Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information Education and Communication (IEC) in AYUSH, the Ministry takes up initiatives to create awareness of and to promote AYUSH systems of medicine including Yoga by organizing Arogya fairs/Melas, Conferences, Exhibitions, Seminars, Workshops,