

Integrating AYUSH systems with modern medicine

924. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plan to engage with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for integrating AYUSH systems with modern medicine to increase its acceptability as a scientific and alternative system of medicine;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Yes, the Ministry of AYUSH makes need-based plans from time to time to engage with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for integrating AYUSH systems with Modern Medicine. The highlights of such plans have been the following:—

- (i) National Health policy, 2017 which lays down guidelines for the entire health sector (including AYUSH Systems) *inter alia* focus on Integrating AYUSH system with Modern medicine. Due emphasis has been given for continuing mainstreaming of AYUSH with General Health. The National Health Policy would continue mainstreaming of AYUSH with general health system. The policy further supports the integration of AYUSH systems at the level of knowledge systems, by validating processes of healthcare promotion and cure.
- (ii) Government of India has adopted a strategy of Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs), thus enabling choice to the patients for different systems of medicine. The engagement of AYUSH Doctors / paramedics and their training is supported by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, while the support for AYUSH infrastructure, equipment / furniture and medicines are provided by Ministry of AYUSH under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM).
- (iii) Ministry of AYUSH alongwith Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) is implementing a combined NPCDCS (National Programme for Prevention

and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke)-AYUSH Project for health promotion, prevention and management of Non-communicable diseases or Lifestyle related disorders through its three research organizations, namely, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) and Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) in six districts namely Bhilwara (Rajasthan), Surendranagar (Gujarat), Gaya (Bihar), Darjeeling (West Bengal), Krishna (Andhra Pradesh) and Lakhimpur Kheri (Uttar Pradesh).

- (iv) Under AYUSHMAN Bharat, Health and Wellness Centres have been established in various parts of the country as comprehensive healthcare in which along with other interventions AYUSH system including Yoga is also envisaged for inclusion.
- (v) Further, on the pattern of modern medicine, inclusion of AYUSH System of medicine under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) has been taken up with National Health Authority with the objective of providing Health insurance for medical and hospitalization expenses for secondary and tertiary care procedures.

Survey for identifying of medicinal plants

925. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey to identify medicines/ aromatic plants and various herbs in the country, particularly in Himalayan, Western Ghats and North East Region, if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated potential of these plants, State/UT-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government for documentation, protection, farming and commercial exploitation of these plants along with the funds allocated for the purpose; and

(c) whether Government proposes any incentive to the farmers to promote herbal farming and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD