

Research on medicinal benefits of rivers

1004. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to conduct a comprehensive research for establishing the medicinal benefits of rivers and related health impact on people in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the financial and operational modalities worked out for the purpose;

(c) whether a study conducted by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi has found antibiotic medicines in the water of Yamuna river; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) and (b) A multi centric and multi-institutional study, titled "A detailed study to understand the non-putrefying property of River Ganga, in both water and sediment" with budget of ₹ 4.96 cr., has been undertaken by M/o Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, in 2017.

(c) and (d) Yes. In the study, conducted by All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Antibiotics and other drugs have been found in Yamuna river. Need to segregate and destruct bioactive compounds in densely populated place, has been suggested thorough continuous monitoring and creating awareness among public. The outcome of the study has been shared with Drug Controller General of India.

Holding of dual posts by faculty member

1005. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that as per rules of the Medical Council of India (MCI), a faculty member in a medical college cannot hold two administrative posts at the same time;

(b) whether the post of Additional Medical Superintendent in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi is a full time administrative post and accordingly an Additional MS has never been made Head of the Department;