insurance cover against failure of insured crops due to non-preventable natural risks, thus providing financial support to farmers suffering crop loss/damage arising out of unforeseen events; stabilizing the income of farmers to ensure their continuance in farming; and encouraging them to adopt innovative and modem agricultural practices.

- For development of agriculture and welfare of farmers of the country, the Government in DAC&FW, is implementing various Central Sector/ Centrally Sponsored Schemes, which include:
  - (i) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)
  - (ii) National Food Security Mission (NFSM)
  - (iii) National Agriculture Market (e-NAM)
  - (iv) National Mission For Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)
- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY) has been launched as a voluntary and contributory old age pension scheme for all land holding small and marginal farmers for entry age group of 18 to 40 years. The scheme provides for an assured monthly pension of ₹3000 per month, to the eligible beneficiaries of the scheme, on their attaining the age of 60 years.

## **AYUSH dispensaries in Andhra Pradesh**

1675. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEFLARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are no AYUSH dispensaries under CGHS in Andhra Pradesh (A.P.);
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
  - (c) the efforts being made to open AYUSH dispensaries in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (c) Presently, there is no AYUSH dispensary in operation under CGHS in Andhra Pradesh. Department of Expenditure has approved a proposal for opening one Ayurvedic Unit and one Homeopathy Unit under CGHS, Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.