

The Ministry has also been observing Ayurveda Day on Dhanwantari Day every year since 2016 to create awareness regarding Ayurveda and its benefits.

(b) and (c) There is no scheme presently with the Ministry which gives financial assistance to those who set up Ayurvedic centres.

**Central regulatory system for AYUSH based medicines**

165. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central Regulatory System is being constituted to check the quality of AYUSH based medicines in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the details of the functioning of such systems in Kerala;

(b) if not, the existing mechanism for that purpose at present; and

(c) whether the recruitment of the technical persons were completed, if not, 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) Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945 have exclusive provisions for regulation and quality control of Ayurvedic medicines. Central Government frames and amends the legal provisions and issues directions to the State Governments from time to time on the basis of emerging regulatory needs. As such State Governments are responsible to appropriately enforce the regulatory provisions for licensed manufacturing and quality control of Ayurvedic medicines, for which Licensing Authorities, Drug Controllers, Inspectors and Government Analysts are appointed.

Ministry of AYUSH has a Drug Control Cell to deal with regulatory matters of Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy drugs and to coordinate with State Licensing/Drug Control Authorities in this regard. A vertical structure of AYUSH has been created within Central Drugs Standard Control Organization since 05.02.2018 to oversee the regulation of Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathy (ASU&H) drugs from Central level. Nine regulatory posts have been created. Technical Officers of the Ministry of AYUSH have been given additional charge of the central regulatory posts

of Inspector, Assistant Drug Controller and Deputy Drug Controller of AYUSH till the recruitment rules are finalized and regular incumbents are recruited.

**Ayurveda medicines for treating lifestyle diseases**

166. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce Ayurveda as an effective treatment for life-style diseases in view of the increasing popularity of this Indian System of Medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government proposes to launch effective Ayurvedic medicines developed on a large scale for the foreign markets and if so, the details thereof along with the efforts made in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Ministry of AYUSH in collaboration with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has implemented a project *viz* Integration of AYUSH (Ayurveda) with National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardio-vascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) program in the identified Districts. So far 9,87,446 patients have been screened and 93117 patients have been enrolled for long term management through Ayurveda interventions, Lifestyle modifications and Yoga.

Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), under Ministry of AYUSH has developed AYUSH-82, a formulation through extensive research methodologies and the same has been commercialised for further benefit of public at large.

CCRAS has developed AYUSH-QOL-2C for improving Quality of life of breast & cervical cancer patients in collaboration with All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi and St. Jones Medical College (Bengaluru).

In addition to this, CCRAS has validated 82 classical Ayurvedic formulations and 11 new drugs on more than 32 diseases conditions, lifestyle diseases such as Diabetes,