

Further, No such study has been conducted on the effectiveness of the treatment and precautionary methods suggested for Corona virus infection by the Ayurveda Unani, Homoeopathy and Siddha Systems.

Making yoga compulsory for students in schools

1285. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether proper facilities have been provided in Government and aided schools for Yoga education to the students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal under consideration to make Yoga education compulsory in schools; and
- (d) if not, why such a step should not be taken in view of effectiveness of Yoga to have checks on several serious diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Education, is a subject in the Concurrent List, and majority of the schools are under the jurisdiction of the State Governments. Accordingly, it is for the respective State Government to provide proper facilities for Yoga education to the students. The Ministry of AYUSH, through its Autonomous body namely Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) has provided a range of Technical inputs relevant to Yoga education to school students to the Ministry of Human Resource Development and different agencies engaged in school education, whenever called for.

(c) and (d) The government has no plans to make yoga compulsory in schools. However, National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005 recommended Yoga as an integral part of Health and Physical Education. This recommendation thus capitalises on the effectiveness of Yoga to check the spread of diseases. Further, in NCF, Health and Physical Education is a compulsory subject from Class I to Class X and optional from Class XI to XII. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has already developed integrated syllabi on Health and Physical Education from Class I to Class X.