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Written Answers to

AYUSH method for combating coronavirus

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2563. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

- whether the Ministry has issued any advisory regarding combating Coronavirus;
- (b) if so, what research has gone into identifying the methods issued in the advisory; and

(c) the details of expenditure incurred on researching AYUSH methods for combating Coronavirus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes. An advisory based on textual references of AYUSH system of medicine for prevention of Coronavirus infection was released in Press Information Bureau (PIB). The Ayurveda, Unani, Homeopathy and Siddha are advocated for health promotion prevention of diseases. As such, the advisory in terms of Ayurveda, Unani, homeopathy and Siddha is general in nature. People should also follow general measures as per health advisory. However, Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) is of view that the positive results from the genus epidemicus as prophylactic during epidemic outbreaks of various diseases during recent past, Scientific Advisory Board of the Council discussed to find out possible genus epidemicus for recent outbreak of corona virus in China. The sign and symptoms of the patients were referred from the recent publication from the clinical history of patients of Wuhan, China in Lancet titled, "Clinical features of patients infected with 2019 novel coronavirus in Wuhan, China".

Analysis of these symptoms was made to find out the genus epidemicus and following recommendation were made:-

- Arsenicum album 30C could be advised as Genus Epidemicus as preventive against Coronavirus infection.
- Moreover, Arsenic album is a common prescription in the cases of respiratory infections in day to day practice.

People however should also follow general measures as per health advisory.

(c) For coronavirus infection only preventive advisory has been published but no expenditure has been incurred till date.

Expanding AYUSH treatment facilities

2564. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state: