Identification of medicines for cure of corona virus

168. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiative to identify effective medicines under Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy systems to cure patients with symptoms of COVID-19;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any collaborative project has been taken involving Allopathy, Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy to develop effective treatment of Corona virusesin the country; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Ministry has formed an Inter-disciplinary AYUSH R D Task Force. The Task Force has formulated and designed clinical research protocols for add-on interventions in COVID-19 positive cases through review and consultative process of experts of high repute from different organizations across the country for studying three different interventions *viz.* Yashtimadhu, Guduchi + Pippali and a poly herbal formulation (AYUSH-64) as Adjunct Treatment to Standard of Care for the management of Mild to Moderate COVID-19 Patients.

- (c) Yes, based on the recommendation of Interdisciplinary AYUSH Research and Development Task Force, Ministry of AYUSH has initiated to undertake research project on three different interventions viz. Yashtimadhu, Guduchi + Pippali and a poly herbal formulation (AYUSH-64) as Adjunct Treatment to Standard of Care for the management of Mild to Moderate COVID-19 patients in collaboration with CSIR.
 - (d) Does not arise.

Illegal marketing of medicines for COVID-19 based on Indian Systems of Medicine

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