

*THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE; THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; AND THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) and (b) No such data is collected. Unani system of medicine is equally prevalent in the masses *i.e.* both in the urban as well as in rural areas. However, as most of the Unani Hospital/dispensaries are established in the urban areas and due to easy accessibility more urban people are using Unani treatment.

(c) Government has taken various initiatives for promotion of Unani system of Medicine in the rural areas as well as urban slums through various activities such as providing treatment through General/RCH/Geriatric OPDs conducted by 18 Institutes/Units of the Central Council of Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) and also through Arogyas, Health Melas, Health camps, exhibitions, School health programme, and clinical mobile research programme and organizing Unani Day every year. Following projects have also been implemented for the promotion of Unani system of medicine in the country:—

- (i) Programme on integration of Unani Medicine in National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) has been initiated in collaboration with Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). Under this programme, life style clinics have been established at one district hospital and 17 Community Health Centres (CHCs) at the Lakhimpur Kheri district of Uttar Pradesh.
- (ii) Similarly another SCSP/TSP mobile health program is being carried out by the CCRUM. Under this programme, villages having SC/ST population have been selected to create awareness for preventive aspects of different diseases and to provide treatment to the patients through selected Centres of the Council.

Propagation of Yoga

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to propagate yoga in the country as it boosts immunity to fight against CoronaVirus and, if so, the details thereof and the success achieved;

#On behalf of the Minister concerned.

(b) whether Government allocates funds for research in yoga in view of COVID-19 pandemic and, if so, the details of funds allocated and achievement made in this regard; and

(c) whether there is a growth in number of youth trained in yoga which has helped in spreading yoga in other countries, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken or being taken by the Government to promote yoga in the country and worldwide?

#THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE; THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; AND THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) Yes. The Ministry of AYUSH has issued a document titled "Guidelines for Yoga practitioners for COVID 19".

The Ministry of AYUSH has launched a three-month awareness campaign on "Ayush for Immunity" on 14.08.2020, with the objective of acquainting the people with the strengths of various Ayush-based solutions including Yoga for enhancing immunity and preventing diseases.

(b) There is no separate fund allocated by the Ministry of AYUSH for research in Yoga in view of Covid-19 pandemic.

(c) At present Yoga is not a regulated system of healthcare. There are various Universities/Institutions which impart Yoga training to youth, not only at domestic level but also internationally. Ministry of AYUSH does not maintain data of such training. However, the interest in Yoga in the country and worldwide has grown with observation of International Day of Yoga in last 6 years, and more youth are inclined towards pursuing it.

Further to this, at the Central level, Ministry of AYUSH also strives to promote the system and to create awareness for the benefit of the people. For this purpose an Information Education and Communication (IEC) Scheme, has been devised by the Ministry, activities under which include steps to reach out to people and to create awareness about Yoga, IEC activities include programs on TV, Radio, Print-media etc. Activities in this regard outside India are carried out by the Indian Missions abroad as well as ICCR.

The Ministry had also activated all the Indian Missions and Posts abroad to promote My life My Yoga (MLMY) video blogging contest and Yoga at Home Yoga with Family actively. Prominent celebrities from the entertainment industry gave promotional messages on Yoga, encouraging the people to be active participants from their homes in the IDY.

Registered AYUSH practitioners and institutes in Telangana

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

(a) the details of the AYUSH institutions in Telangana, district-wise and medicine field-wise;

(b) the details of the registering authority for Yoga and Naturopathy practitioners in Telangana;

(c) whether the same has been standardised by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the measures being taken by Government to register such practitioners in Telangana till the national standardisation process is developed?

#THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE; THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; AND THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) The details of the AYUSH institutions System-wise in Telangana as published in "AYUSH IN INDIA-2018" and updated till date as information received from concern divisions of Ministry of AYUSH are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) The registering authority for Yoga and Naturopathy practitioners in State Govt. of Telangana is "The Board of Indian Medicines, Department of AYUSH, Govt. of Telangana".

(c) There is no apex body for standardisation / registration of Yoga & Naturopathy practitioners at Central Govt. level.

(d) At present, the same is looked after by Naturopathy Certification Board.