

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.225
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2021
REPRESENTATION OF SIDDHA DOCTORS IN NATIONAL MEDICAL
COUNCIL**

225 SHRI N.R. ELANGO:

Will the Minister of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sufficient representation will be given to the Siddha doctors in the National Medical Council; and
- (b) whether a university or specialized institute will be created in Tamil Nadu for Siddha medicine?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS
AND SPORTS AND ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF
THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

- (a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) There is no National Medical Council under the Ministry of AYUSH. At present, there is a Central Council of Indian System of Medicine, a Statutory body constituted under the provisions of the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970. The main objectives of the Central Council are to prescribe the minimum standards of education in Indian Systems of Medicine viz. Ayurved, Siddha, Unani Tib and Sowa Rigpa for regulating education and practice.

Since its establishment in 1971, the Central Council has been framing and implementing various regulations including the Curricula and Syllabi in Indian System of Medicine viz. Ayurved, Siddha, Unani Tib at Under –graduate and Post Graduate level.

Further, on 21st September, 2020, the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), Act, 2020 was published in the Gazette of India. As per the provisions of NCISM Act, 2020, Siddha doctors are also eligible to become Chairperson, Secretary and Part-time Members of the Commission and President and Members of the Autonomous Board of Unani, Siddha and Sowa Rigpa, President and Members of Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Indian System of Medicine, President and Members of Board of Ethics and Medical Registration for Indian System of Medicine for NCISM. Also, the State/ Union territory Government can nominate experts of Indian system of medicine (including Siddha) as member of the Advisory Council for Indian System of Medicine.

(b) The Central Government has established an apex research council namely, the Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS), and National Institute of Siddha (NIS), in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, which are implementing Siddha system of education, research including medical treatment in the country.
