

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1609  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**AYUSH MEDICINES TO COUNTER COVID-19**

**1609. DR. SONAL MANSINGH:**

Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Ayurvedic medicines proposed by the Ministry of AYUSH have proved to have enough resistance power to counter COVID-19
- b) if so, the details thereof
- c) whether Government has any proposal to distribute the AYUSH medicines among children of the country and
- d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF AYUSH  
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a) & (b): i. Ministry of AYUSH recommended self-care guidelines for preventive health measures and boosting immunity.

ii. Ministry of AYUSH has formed an Interdisciplinary AYUSH R&D Taskforce chaired by Prof. Bhushan Patwardhan and having representation from scientists including ICMR, DBT, CSIR, AIIMS and AYUSH Institutions. The Interdisciplinary AYUSH Research and Development Taskforce has formulated and designed clinical research protocols which include prophylactic studies for COVID-19 through thorough review and consultative process of high repute experts from different organizations across the country.

iii. Ministry of AYUSH has also launched interdisciplinary studies involving AYUSH interventions for COVID-19 based on Taskforce recommendations. Under various research organizations and National Institutes under the Ministry of AYUSH, 42 prophylactic research studies have been initiated.

iv. National Clinical Management Protocol (NCMP) for Ayurveda and Yoga has been launched which also includes guidelines for prophylactic interventions.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. However, Ministry of AYUSH has released Home care guidelines for children and Advisory for AYUSH Practitioners about prophylactic care in Children during the COVID-19 Pandemic.