

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2563
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST DECEMBER, 2021**

SPREADING AWARENESS ON THE BENEFITS OF SIDDHA MEDICINE

2563. SHRITIRUCHISIVA :

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to spread awareness on the benefits of Siddha medicine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

Ministry of Ayush has taken steps to spread awareness on the benefits of Siddha medicine by establishing Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and National Institute of Siddha (NIS). In addition, Ministry of Ayush through various Schemes like National Ayush Mission (NAM), Information, Education and Communication (IEC), International Cooperation, etc., spread awareness on the benefits of AYUSH Systems including Siddha medicine.

“Siddha Day” was instituted by Ministry of AYUSH since 2017.

Ministry of Ayush is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) in the country through State/UT Governments for promotion and development of AYUSH system including Siddha medicine. Grant-in-aid is provided to State/UT Governments as per the proposals received through State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per NAM guidelines.

IEC scheme provides for organizing National/State Arogya Fairs, Yoga Fests/Utsavs, Ayurveda Parvs and participating in seminars, exhibitions, workshops, conferences, etc. The Ministry also undertakes Multi-Media IEC Campaigns for creating awareness about AYUSH Systems including Siddha medicine. In Arogya Melas / exhibition, IEC

materials are being distributed related to various disease conditions and its management through Siddha system of medicine.

Ministry has issued separate 'Guidelines for Practitioners' and 'Guidelines for Research' for providing treatment to Covid-19 patients in each system covered under AYUSH, including Siddha system of Medicines.

Through AzadiKaAmritMahotsav activities, Siddha Prophylactic Medicine AmukkaraChoornam Tablet / Kabasurakudineerchooranam along with IEC material on Siddha based diet and lifestyle guidelines for promoting immunity during COVID – 19 has being distributed for the public in large scale.

Ministry of Ayush deputed a Siddha expert to Sungai Buloh Hospital, Malaysia under Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC) program of MEA for 4 years where the expert has provided his services.

(c) Does not arise.