

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1443
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15th MARCH, 2022**

PROMOTION OF AYURVEDIC COSMETIC PRODUCTS

1443. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

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

- (a) whether authoritative Ayurvedic texts are replete with references on cosmetic combinations which have absolutely no side effects in comparison to chemical based cosmetic products available in the market;
- (b) if so, whether scientific studies followed by clinical trials have been conducted by Government controlled or aided scientific research institutions of the country; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for not taking any initiative which would not only generate direct and indirect employment but also the people would be able to get fairly inexpensive cosmetic products?

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

a) Yes, Authoritative literature of Ayurveda is specified in the First Schedule of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 detailed about cosmetic combinations. Further, as per Rule 158B of Drugs Rules, 1945, formulations having ingredients mentioned in books of First Schedule of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and recommended for oral, skin, hair and body care are considered to be Saundarya Prasadak. However, references related to side effects of cosmetic combinations in comparison to chemical based cosmetic products are not mentioned in the Ayurveda Authoritative literature.

b) Safety and effectiveness study is not required for manufacturing Saundarya Prasadak products based on textual indications as specified in the First Schedule of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. However, for obtaining manufacturing license for Saundarya Prasadak containing any of the ingredients as specified in the Schedule E(1) under Rule 158B of Drug Rules, 1945, safety studies is a prerequisite and is to be conducted as per the guidelines for evaluation of Ayurveda formulation.

c) In order to skill and up-skill individuals and to generate direct and indirect employment in the sector, National Institute of Ayurveda, under Ministry of Ayush is conducting Certificate Course on ‘Training for Beauty care in Ayurveda’ which is a self-care course designed for people who are willing to use natural and herbal products and procedures in cosmetology.
