

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1448
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2022**

**MOU BETWEEN AYUSH MINISTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE &
TECHNOLOGY**

1448. SHRI BRIJLAL

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of AYUSH has signed an MoU with the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the salient features of the said agreement;
- (c) the manner in which the said agreement will give a boost to evidence-based research and science in the field of AYUSH for the public health system; and
- (d) whether the Ministry of AYUSH and the DST have agreed jointly to continue Research and Development activities on AYUSH concepts, procedures and products towards scientific validation and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) Yes Sir, The Ministry of Ayush has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Department of Science and Technology (DST) on 25.11.2022. The MoU focuses to create a platform for the convergence of traditional medicine and modern science.

(b) The salient features of the said agreement are as follows:-

- i.** Explore the cooperation, convergence and synergy between M/o Ayush and Department of Science and Technology (DST) to have evidence-based scientific intervention in the Ayush sector.
- ii.** Have a platform for the exchange of information between Ministry of Ayush and DST.
- iii.** Application of modern science towards understanding the Ayush-related basic concepts and principles.

(C) The MoU envisions identification of potential areas of research and application of these research in to public health system.

(d) Yes Sir, the Ministry of Ayush and the DST have agreed jointly to continue Research and Development activities on Ayush concepts, procedures and products towards scientific validation as provided in the MoU.
