GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AYUSH

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1603 TO BE ANSWERED ON 6th AUGUST, 2024

RESEARCH IN AYUSH INSTITUTES AND WELLNESS CENTRES

1603. SHRI NARESH BANSAL:

Will the Minister of Ayush be pleased to state:

- (a) With the recent inclusion of Ayurveda, Unani, and Siddha (ASU) nomenclature in the International Classification of Disease (ICD-11) TM2 by WHO, can the Government provide details on the research-based initiatives that would be undertaken by Ayush to promote its effectiveness through Ayush wellness centres;
- (b) If yes, details thereof:
- (c) Whether the Government plans to expand its research initiatives in collaboration with Ayush-ICMR Advanced Centre for Integrated Health Research which will be established in select AIIMS;
- (d) If yes, please provide details thereof.

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE(IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH (SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

- (a) & (b) :- Inclusion of ASU nomenclature in the International Classification of Disease (ICD-11) TM2 by WHO is being used by the researchers for uniformity in the commonly occurring disorders / patterns and also will be utilised for data collection on the "disease incidence" from the Ayush wellness centres to facilitate various clinical research initiatives.
- (c) & (d):- Yes, the Ministry of Ayush and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 11th May 2023, with objectives to promote and develop cooperation and collaboration on health research between the Ministry of Ayush and the ICMR. As per the MoU, one of the priority areas is the establishment of Ayush-ICMR Centres for Advanced Research in Integrative Health at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).

The Government has launched the Ayush-ICMR advanced centre for Integrative Health Research in AIIMS on 4th March 2024 under the co-chairmanship of the Hon'ble Union Minster of Ayush and the Hon'ble Union Minister for the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare & the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

Under the Extramural Research Programme, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) under the Ministry of Ayush are being funded to set up the Ayush-ICMR Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research (AI-ACIHR) at AIIMS to conduct research on identified areas focusing on integrative healthcare. Under this program, the research areas in four AIIMS have been identified, which are as follows:

1. AIIMS Delhi:

- a. Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Gastro-intestinal Disorders
- b. Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Women and Child Health
- **2. AIIMS- Jodhpur:** Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Geriatric Health.
- 3. AIIMS Nagpur: Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Cancer Care.
- **4. AIIMS Rishikesh:** Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Geriatric Health.

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