

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AYUSH**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1609**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024**  
**" Medical Heritage"**

1609 # Dr. Kalpana Saini

Will the Minister of Ayush be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIMH), Hyderabad has been designated as the first WHO collaborating centre for fundamental and literary research in traditional medicine; and
- (b) the advantage of such a field for traditional medicine in the country?

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

- (a) The National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH), Hyderabad has been designated as WHO collaborating centre for Fundamental and Literary Research in Traditional Medicine (WHO-CC IND-177) for four years, starting from June 3, 2024, with the following Terms of Reference:
  - i. At WHO's request and in collaboration with WHO, support WHO's work with Member States in the area of Research Methodology for Traditional Medicine.
  - ii. At WHO's request and in collaboration with WHO, support WHO's work in preparing and updating technical product: Standardization of Terminologies.
- (b) The benefits of this include:
  - i. Development of guidelines and manuals for evidence-based research in traditional medicine.
  - ii. Standardization of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani terminologies for collection, reporting and analysis of data on traditional medicine.
  - iii. Providing technical advice to the World Health Organization regarding research and development in Fundamental and Literary Research in Traditional Medicine as and when required.

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