GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2241
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH   DECEMBER, 2016

TRIBAL HEALTHCARE PROJECT

2241. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY** be pleased to state:

(a) what is Tribal Health Care Project (THCP);

(b) what are the aims and objectives of THCP;

(c) how many tribals are going to be covered under this project, State-wise, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(d) what are the targets set for 2016-17 under THCP and progress of the project?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) & (b): The Tribal Health Care Research Program (THCRP) was started by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous organization under Central Government, in 1982. The project involves studies of   the living conditions of tribal people including health related demography; documentation of folk claims and Local Health Traditions(LHT); use of common medicinal plants in the area; propagation of knowledge about hygiene and prevention of diseases; and extending medical aid at door steps. The objective of the project are as under:

   (i) provide health care facility to tribal population;

   (ii) promote healthy living among tribes; and

   (iii) collect and document the folk claims and local health traditions to enable research., etc..

(c) & (d): The project is executed in 14 states, including Andhra Pradesh, through 15 research institutes under the Council. The project is not covering the population in the State of Telengana.

The targets and progress under the project during FY 2016-17 are as under:

(i)   Population covered(target): 80,000
(ii)   Population covered(actual upto November, 2016): 61510
(iii)   Documentation of folklore/LHT(target): 160
(iv)   Documentation of folklore/LHT(actual upto November, 2016): 106

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