

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3521  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**INCLUSION OF SOWA-RIGPA IN UNESCO LIST**

**3521. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has recommended and nominated Tibetan medicine system of Sowa-Rigpa for inclusion in UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any of the Indian Systems of Medicine has been included in the above UNESCO's List; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a): Yes. The dossier of Sowa - Rigpa was submitted to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for inclusion in the UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity 2017. Since, during a year only one nomination of the member country is considered, the other nomination of India of Kumbh Mela was accepted and inscribed in the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity for 2017.

(b) to (d): Yes. Yoga, has since been inscribed in the UNESCO's Representation list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity for the year 2016.

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