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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 11 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2018

PROBLEMS PLAGUING AYURVEDA SECTOR

11. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

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

(a) whether the Indian Ayurveda industry is poised to grow high in the coming years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ayurveda sector is facing problems like shortage of manpower and shortage of quality raw materials; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by Government to address these issues?

ANSWER

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

(a): Global Ayurveda market is accounted for approximately USD 3.4 billion and it is estimated to grow at a compound annual growth rate of about 16.2%. It is projected to reach USD 9.80 billion by 2022, which includes both products and services.

(b) & (c): Any specific issue of shortage of manpower for Ayurveda sector has not been reported. Raw materials for the manufacturing of Ayurveda products come from forests and cultivated sources, for which Government has set up National Medicinal Plants Board to coordinate, plan and support in-situ & ex-situ conservation, cultivation and resource augmentation of medicinal plants. Through National AYUSH Mission and a Central Sector Scheme financial support is provided for cultivation, sustainable development and management of medicinal plants. Agro-techniques, Good Agricultural and Field Collection Practices for cultivation and harvesting of medicinal plants and quality certification system for the raw materials have been developed and disseminated to the stakeholders. Quality standards of raw materials and various formulations are developed by the Pharmacopoeia Commission of Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy and respective Pharmacopoeia Committees. Monographs of quality standards of raw materials and formulations are published in the Pharmacopoeias and the work of standardization is on-going.

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