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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2018

MUSHROOMING OF AYURVEDIC COLLEGES

2. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:

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

- (a) the total number of Ayurvedic Medical Colleges in the country at present;
- (b) how many of them are functioning under the State and Central Governments, respectively, and how many of them are under private sector;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the mushrooming of Ayurvedic colleges in the private sector is deteriorating the standard of our Ayurvedic doctors; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry to improve the quality of such colleges?

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

- (a): 400 Ayurvedic Medical Colleges are in the country in the present.
- (b): The details are given below:
- i) Central and State Governments colleges- 62
- ii) Govt. aided colleges- 25
- iii) Private colleges- 313
- (c): The Central Council of Indian Medicine with previous sanction of Govt. of India, Ministry of AYUSH as required under the provision of Section 36 of IMCC Act, 1970 has to prescribe the minimum required of standards of education in Indian Systems of Medicine viz. Ayurved, Siddha, Unani Tib and Sowa Rigpa and Regulations for establishment of new Colleges namely "The Establishment of New Medical College, Opening of New or Higher Course of Study or Training and Increase of Admission Capacity by a Medical College Regulations, 2003 (Amended) in 2013".

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Before granting permission for establishment of Ayurved, Unani, Siddha and Sowa Rigpa colleges the Central Council conduct visitation/Inspections who assess the minimum standards of education in Indian System of Medicine viz. Ayurved, Siddha, Unani Tib and Sowa Rigpa available with concerned institutions/colleges.

- (d): The following steps have been taken by Ministry of AYUSH to improve the quality of Colleges.
- A) National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) for all AYUSH Educational Institutions for admission for Undergraduate Course
- B) All India Post Graduate Entrance Test (AIPGET) for all AYUSH Educational Institutions for admission for Post graduate Courses.
- C) Aadhar based Geo location enabled attendance system for teaching staff, non-teaching staff, hospital staff and PG students.