

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2081
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST JANUARUY, 2019**

CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION OF YOGA PROFESSIONALS

2081. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY:

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

- (a) whether Government have announced a scheme for voluntary certification of Yoga professionals and accreditation of Yoga institutions with an aim to certify the competencies of Yoga professionals and institutions against the standards recognised for the same;
- (b) if so, status of implementation of the said scheme;
- (c) whether Government have Set up Yoga Certification Board, an autonomous body under Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) to oversee this scheme;
- (d) if so, details of salient features of this board and steps taken till date; and
- (e) salient features of Yoga certification programme and how does it intends to offer basic and specialised certification to professionals and details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Yes. Ministry of AYUSH launched a “Scheme for Voluntary Certification of Yoga Professionals and Accreditation of Yoga Institutions” in June 2015. The scheme was initially managed by Quality Council of India (QCI), and subsequently taken over by the Yoga Certification Board, an autonomous body under Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) in June, 2018.

(d) & (e): The activities of the Yoga Certification Board (YCB) facilitate the promotion of Yoga as means to achieve holistic health and human values, acquire career skills and develop standards and parameters for the practice of Yoga. The steps taken by Yoga Certification Board (YCB) till date includes assessment of competencies to certify Yoga professionals for various levels and to bring uniformity in Yoga Courses conducted across India and rest of the world. The Yoga Certification Programme provides the norms and parameters for certification of Yoga Professionals under different categories and Accreditation of Yoga Institutions based on their scale of operation, years of existence, infrastructure, faculties etc.

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