

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2018**

POPULARISING SIDDHA SYSTEM OF MEDICINE

5. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

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

- (a) whether the Siddha system of medicine is popular in foreign countries and if so, the details thereof including the names of the countries where Siddha system of medicine or similar system of medicine is practised;
- (b) the details regarding cooperation and coordination with these countries in the Research and Development in the Siddha system of medicine; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to popularise the Siddha system of medicine in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes. Siddha System of Medicine is practised in foreign countries like Sri Lanka and Malaysia where there is a sizeable Tamil population. In Malaysia, the Government regulates Siddha practice under Traditional and Complementary Medicine (T&CM). Undergraduate courses in Siddha are being imparted in Sri Lanka by University of Jaffna having a Siddha department and also by Trincomalee Campus affiliated to Eastern University. The services of Siddha system are provided in Siddha hospitals and dispensaries in different provinces of Sri Lanka.

(b): The Ministry of AYUSH has signed Country to Country Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Malaysia for Cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine including Siddha. A Siddha expert has been deputed to Malaysia under Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

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28 AYUSH information Cells have been set up in 31 countries to disseminate authentic information about AYUSH systems of Medicine including Siddha.

Ministry of AYUSH under its Scholarship scheme offers scholarships to eligible foreign nationals to pursue undergraduate (UG) and post graduate (PG) courses in AYUSH systems including Siddha in AYUSH institutes in India.

(c): Ministry of AYUSH has set up National Institute of Siddha (NIS) and Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) for imparting Siddha education and for undertaking research activities in Siddha system of Medicine respectively. Under the Central Sector Scheme of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) of the Ministry of AYUSH, various promotional activities such as Arogya fairs, Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Exhibitions, and publicity through electronic and print media etc. are undertaken for propagation and promotion of AYUSH Systems of Medicine including Siddha all over the country. Under National AYUSH Mission (NAM), funds have been provided to the states of Tamil nadu and Puducherry for establishing AYUSH (including Siddha) Wellness Centres and 50 bedded hospitals.
