

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.173
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30th NOVEMBER, 2021**

MAJOR INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE UNANI AND SIDDHA MEDICINES

173. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- (a) the major initiatives taken by Government to promote Unani and Siddha medicines within the country;
- (b) the amount of fund that has been utilised by Government to promote Unani and Siddha medicines in the last two years;
- (c) the expenditure details of the same; and
- (d) whether Government has introduced or is considering any policy initiative for the welfare of Unani and Siddha practitioners?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

- (a) The National Institutes namely, National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM) & National Institute of Siddha (NIS) which are autonomous bodies under the Ministry of Ayush are imparting quality education and health care services in the respective field. The Research Councils namely, Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) and Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) are taking various initiatives for the promotion of research activities in Unani and Siddha medicines. National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) has been constituted under National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Act including Board of Unani, Siddha and Sowa Rigpa for the purpose as stated under the section 26 of NCISM Act, 2020.

The Ministry issued a Gazette notification to facilitate research on COVID-19 through Ayush (including Unani & Siddha) systems across the country. The ambit of this notification includes prophylactic measures and interventions for the quarantine, asymptomatic and symptomatic cases of COVID-19, with a view to generate scientific evidence. So far, 13 studies of Siddha and 08 studies of Unani have been undertaken by the Research Councils and National Institutes.

The Ministry of AYUSH has formulated guidelines for UNANI and SIDDHA Practitioners for COVID-19 Patients in Home Isolation.

Various activities like development of International Standard terminology document, development of benchmark for practice and training and International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) on Unani and Siddha System of medicines have been initiated in close association with WHO under the agreement with Ministry of AYUSH.

The satellite centre of existing National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore is being established at Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh). The Institute on being established will impart quality education and healthcare services to the masses.

(b) & (c) The fund allocated and utilized by CCRUM, NIUM, CCRS & NIS during 2019-20 and 2020-21 is given below:-

Organizations	(Rs. in Crore)			
	2019-20		2020-21	
	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
CCRUM	159.54	180.08	164.05	165.40
NIUM	47.27	47.27	173.75	173.75
CCRS	33.00	31.96	35.30	34.99
NIS	51.81	51.81	47.58	47.58

(d) Presently there is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry.
