

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.138
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH MARCH, 2022**

**SETTING UP OF SIDDHA MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTRE AT
KOLLIMALAI HILLS, TAMIL NADU**

138 SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

Will the Minister of Ayush be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that Kollimalai hills in Namakkal District in Tamil Nadu is very famous for medicinal plants;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that most of the indigenous medicinal plants are in this Kollimalai hills;
- (c) whether Government would consider setting up a Siddha Medical Research Centre in Kollimalai hills;
- (d) if so, by when the said Centre is likely to be set up; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)**

(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Many indigenous medicinal plants are found in Kollimalai hills. As per information of Botanical Survey of India (BSI), an organization under Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, more than 100 medicinal plants species are recorded from Kollimalai hills, Tamil Nadu. The Siddha Medicinal Plants Garden (SMPG) Mettur, Tamil Nadu, an unit of Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) has also conducted survey of medicinal plants in Kollimalai hills and collected twenty (20) rare medicinal plants from Kollimalai hills.

(c) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration in this Ministry.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There are already three (3) peripheral institutes of Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) functioning in Tamil Nadu namely (1) Siddha Central Resaerch Institute, Chennai, (2) Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Government Siddha Medical College Campus, Palayamkottai, and (3) Siddha Medicinal Plants Garden (SMPG), Mettur Dam, Tamil Nadu. A National Institute of Siddha (NIS) under Ministry of Ayush is also situated in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.