

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1445  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**SIDDHA RESEARCH CENTRES**

**1445 SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:**

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

- (a) the number of Siddha research centres functional at national and State levels in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to open new Siddha research centres and strengthen/upgrade the existing ones;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated for the upgradation and setting up of new centres during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the number of doctors working at present and the steps taken to make Siddha systems available at the grassroots level?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) under Ministry of Ayush is an apex body for conducting research in Siddha system of medicine and provides health care facilities for various diseases through Non- communicable diseases OPD, Geriatric OPD, Reproductive and Child health care OPD, Varmam, Thokkanam, Bone setting and Yogam OPD. The number of Siddha Research institutes / units functioning under CCRS are as under;

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Number of Siddha Research institutes / units</b>
1.	Tamil Nadu	<b>3</b>
2.	Kerala	<b>1</b>
3.	Karnataka	<b>1</b>
4.	Andhra Pradesh	<b>1</b>
5.	New Delhi	<b>1</b>
6.	Puducherry	<b>1</b>
7.	Goa	<b>1*</b>
8.	<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

\*commencement of Siddha OPD only.

(b) Siddha Clinical Research Unit in Goa (commencement of Siddha OPD at Goa) have been initiated recently by CCRS with the support of Ministry of Ayush.

(c) Details of funds allocated to CCRS for functioning including upgradation of Centres for last three years and current year are as under;

In Crores

Sl. No.	Centres	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
1.	<b>CCRS, HQ Chennai</b>	11.81	12.7	15.06	20.71
2.	<b>SCRI Chennai</b>	8.61	12.54	13.8	15.06
3.	<b>SCRU, Palayamottai</b>	0.47	0.59	0.56	0.77
4.	<b>SMPG, Mettur</b>	1.33	1.15	1.29	1.43
5.	<b>SRRI, Puducherry</b>	2.65	3	3.25	3.24
6.	<b>SRRI TVM</b>	5.83	2.93	2.55	2.75
7.	<b>SCRU, Delhi</b>	0.62	1.1	1.23	1.53
8.	<b>SCRU, Bengaluru</b>	0.34	0.49	0.54	0.71
9.	<b>SCRU, Tirupati</b>	0.3	0.49	0.54	0.68
	<b>Total</b>	<b>31.96</b>	<b>34.99</b>	<b>38.82</b>	<b>46.88</b>

(d) Health being a State subject, the maintaining the records of doctors working in the State governments comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments. However, a 63 doctors are working in Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and 67 doctors are working in National Institute of Siddha (NIS) under the Ministry of Ayush. The steps taken to make Siddha systems available at the grass root level are mentioned below:

- CCRS is being actively engaged in promoting healthcare delivery system through its various institutes and units provides health care services to the public through Outpatient Department, in patient Department and Swasthya Rakshan programmes.
- Specialized treatments are being provided to the public through non-communicable diseases OPD, Geriatric OPD, Reproductive and Child health care OPD, Varmam, Thokkanam, Bone setting and Yogam OPD.
- Siddhar Kaayakalpam, Siddhar Yogam, external therapies like Varmam, Thokkanam are the strength of Siddha system for prevention, management and treatment of diseases.

- Integrated Siddha cancer OPD is successfully functioning at All India Institute of Ayurveda campus aiding the Palliative care of cancer patients through Siddha system through Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Safdarjung, New Delhi under CCRS.
- The traditional medicine system of Siddha had been utilized as preventive and management perspective for COVID -19. CCRS have initiated pre-clinical and clinical studies with the support of Ministry of Ayush to assess the utility and effectiveness of Siddha formulation in improving immunity and aiding in the management & treatment of COVID -19.
- Nilavembu Kudineer has proven effect in the prevention and management of Dengue and Chikungunya in epidemic out breaks. Treatment and management of Dengue in Siddha system offers *Nilavembukashayam* and papaya leaf juice which increases platelet count and reduces further complication.
- The practice of observing the birthday of Siddhar Agathiyar as "Siddha Day" every year was instituted by Ministry of Ayush since 2017 to create awareness about Siddha system to public.
- Participation in National level and State Level Arogya Melas.
- CCRS monitors the side effects or harmful effects of the Siddha drug administered to the patients through the peripheral pharmacovigilance centres which submit monthly report of the pharmacovigilance activities to the National pharmacovigilance centre.
- CCRS has initiated many programmes for popularizing the Siddha system among the public through social media like facebook, twitter, you tube, print media in national newspapers, audio jingles and video documentary films
- CCRS has been actively conducting various seminar / workshops / conference to disseminate the Siddha system of medicine for the beneficial of the public.
- Health awareness campaigns related to various diseases are being conducted at all institutes / units for the beneficiary of the public.

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