

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2247
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST MARCH, 2023**

SMART SCHEME

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

- (a) the details of Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research in Teaching (SMART) professionals programme launched by Government in the country;
- (b) the funds allocated and released under the said programme, State-wise; and
- (c) the tangible plan to implement the scheme and to benefit ayurveda research under the above-mentioned programme?

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

- (a) Scope for mainstreaming Ayurveda research in teaching professionals (SMART) has been undertaken by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an Autonomous Body under Ministry of Ayush, to provide technical and financial support to promote robust clinical studies through mutual collaboration with Ayurveda academia. The objectives of SMART programme are to undertake, aid, promote and coordinate research to promote and establish a theoretical and practical foundation for high quality research in Ayurveda academic sector through collaboration.
- (b) As per the CCRAS research policy, the Council has planned to do collaboration with academic institutions as “SMART” programme. Funds under the programme are not pre-allocated state-wise. The provision of funds according to research proposals is finalized by CCRAS.
- (c) As SMART programme is not a scheme, the projects undertaken under the SMART programme will be executed as per the CCRAS research policy for collaborative Research ensuring benefit sharing among stakeholders for translating the research outcomes for the benefit of the mankind.
