

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3055
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28/03/2023**

**STEPS TAKEN TO SPREAD AYURVEDIC MEDICINE AND TREATMENT TO
OTHER COUNTRIES**

3055. SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken steps to spread Ayurvedic medicine and treatment to other countries;
- (b) whether there are centers of Ayush set up in other countries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) The Ministry has developed a Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of International Co-operation in Ayush (IC Scheme) under which Ministry of Ayush provides support to Indian Ayush Manufacturers/ Ayush Service providers to give a boost to the export of Ayush products & services; facilitate International promotion, development and recognition of Ayush system of medicine; foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of Ayush at international level; promote academics and research through establishment of Ayush Academic Chairs in foreign countries and holding training workshop/symposiums for promoting and strengthening awareness and interest about Ayush Systems of Medicine at international level.

Following are the other steps/initiatives undertaken by the Ministry of Ayush to spread Ayurvedic medicine and treatment to other countries:

- signed 24 Country-to-Country MoUs for Cooperation in the field of Traditional Medicine and Homoeopathy with foreign nations.
- signed 40 Institute level MoUs with international institutes for undertaking Collaborative Research / Academic collaboration.
- signed 15 MoUs with international institutes for setting up of Ayush Academic Chairs in foreign nations.
- supported the establishment of 39 Ayush Information Cells in 35 foreign nations.
- Offering Ayush scholarships to foreign nationals for undertaking Ayush courses in recognized Ayush institutions in India.

- Signed MoU with the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSH&TM), UK and Frankfurter Innovationszentrum Biotechnologie GmbH (FIZ), Frankfurt Germany for clinical research studies on mitigation of Covid-19 through Ayurveda.
- Providing Training to regulators of foreign nations to generate awareness about the Ayush systems.
- Got developed the Quality Certification programme viz. Ayush mark and Premium mark in cooperation with QCI to increase the reliability of standards of ASU&H Products.
- WHO-GMP (COPP) has been given to 31 Ayurvedic Drug manufacturers to facilitate the export of Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani & Homoeopathy Drugs.
- Ministry of Ayush and WHO has signed an agreement to establish WHO-GCTM in Jamnagar, Gujarat which aims to support to implement WHO's traditional medicine strategy (2014-23) and to support nations in developing policies & action plans to strengthen the role of traditional medicine as part of their journey to universal health coverage.
- First Meeting of the Expert Working Group on Traditional Medicine of the SCO Member States was organized by the Ministry of Ayush on 9th, 10th and 22nd, February 2023 in New Delhi and a consensus was developed among the Experts from SCO Countries on EWG Regulations.
- Supported the establishment of the Ayush Export Promotion Council (Ayushexcil) to promote the export of Ayush products/ medicines as well as Ayush services.
- Established an India-EU Technical Working Group (TWG) on Ayurveda. The Technical Working Group has the representation of technical experts from the Ministry of Ayush, the Government of India, the European Commission, the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and its Committee on Herbal Medicinal Products (HMPC).
- Heal in India is an initiative of the Government to promote Medical Tourism in the country. Under this initiative, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare & Ministry of Ayush have been working with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC), for developing a portal (Heal in India) for the convenience and ease of credible information for those who want to take treatment in India from abroad.

(b) & (c) A health centre i.e. Panchakarma Centre in Havana (Cuba) has been established by the Ministry of Public Health, Cuba with the technical support of the Ministry of Ayush in 2019. Under the Country-to-Country MoU signed with Cuba, the Ministry of Ayush deputed one Ayurveda Expert and two Ayurveda therapists to Havana, Cuba, for providing their services for the Panchakarma Centre at, Havana, Cuba in November, 2019. The Ministry of Ayush has supported the establishment of 39 Ayush Information Cells in 35 foreign nations to disseminate authentic information about Ayush systems of Medicine and to undertake various Ayush Promotional activities. Recently, the latest Ayush Information Cell in Japan was inaugurated on 09th March, 2023.
