

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 501
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2023**

TRIBAL HEALING

501 SHRI RAKESH SINHA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that tribals evolved healing methods to cure diseases in their hundreds and thousands of years of life;
- (b) whether Governments has taken steps to preserve and scientifically evolve tribal healing methods to cure diseases;
- (c) whether Government will do systematic survey to know its impact and practices; and
- (d) whether Government will promote them as it will also promote medical tourism?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Ayush established North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Folk Medicine Research (NEIAFMR) to carry out research work in the field of folk healing practices and folk medicine. The Institute is engaged in the documentation and validation of folk medicine practices, remedies and therapies for usage in public healthcare and further research. Besides the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) is actively involved in exploration of medicinal plants, documentation & validation of traditional practices and herbal formulations. Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides funds to State Tribal Research Institute/reowned Research Institutes for undertaking research work on Tribal medicinal plants under the schemes “Support to Tribal Research Institutes” and ‘Tribal Research, Information, Education, Communication and Events’.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
