

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.165

TO BE ANSWERED ON 5th December, 2023

“Integrated health policy in the country”

165. Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to implement an integrated health policy in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government proposes to integrate the AYUSH systems with the public healthcare sector to universalize patient care and adopt a holistic approach therein and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard, so far?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AYUSH

(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) Yes, Sir, NITI Aayog had constituted a committee to develop an Integrative Health Policy.

(b)&(c)

- i. Government of India has adopted a strategy of Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs), thus enabling the choice to the patients for different systems of medicines under a single window. The engagement of AYUSH doctors/ paramedics and their training is supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under National Health Mission (NHM), while the support for AYUSH infrastructure, equipment/ furniture and medicines are provided by the Ministry of Ayush under National AYUSH Mission (NAM), as shared responsibilities.
- ii. In All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) – New Delhi, the integrative medical

services are available under one roof, with the following units:

- a) Centre for Integrative Ayush Therapy (Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy)
 - b) Integrative Cancer Care Unit
 - c) Centre for Integrative Dentistry
 - d) Centre for Integrative Critical Care & Emergency Medicine
 - e) Centre for Integrative Orthopaedics
 - f) Centre for Integrative Dietetics and Nutrition
 - g) Causality OPD section
- iii. Satellite Clinical Services Units by All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) – New Delhi at:-
- a) Integrative Medical Services Unit at Safdarjung Hospital – New Delhi
 - b) Centre of Integrative Oncology (CIO) Unit AIIMS - Jhajjar.
 - c) Ayurveda Wellness Centre at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, Uttarakhand.
 - d) Ayurveda Wellness Centre at Arogya Van, Ekta Nagar, Kevadia Forest Division, Statue of Unity area Development and Tourism Governance Authority (SoUADTGA), Gujarat.
- iv. Ministry of Ayush through its Research councils has undertaken various research projects for integration with modern system of medicine. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has undertaken various research studies to examine the benefits and feasibility of integration of Ayurveda through the following research projects for integration of Ayurveda with modern system of medicine:
- a. Operational study to explore the feasibility of integrating Ayurveda with modern system of medicine in a tertiary care hospital (Safdarjung Hospital New Delhi) for the management of Osteoarthritis (Knee).
 - b. Feasibility of introducing Indian System of Medicine (Ayurveda) in the National Reproductive and Child Health services at Primary Health Care (PHC) level” in Himachal Pradesh.
 - c. Integration of AYUSH systems in National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS)
 - d. Feasibility of introducing Ayurveda Intervention in Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) in PHCs of Selected district (Gadchiroli) of Maharashtra (Effectiveness of Ayurvedic intervention for Ante-Natal care (Garbhini Paricharya) at Primary Health Care level: A Multi Centre Operational Study).

- v. Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) has undertaken research studies of integrative nature using homoeopathic medicine in collaboration with health care facilities of allopathic system of medicine in the following clinical conditions: acute encephalitis syndrome, side effects due to radio/chemotherapy in cancer, thrombocytopenia due to dengue, diabetic foot ulcer, COVID-19, chronic kidney disease, trigeminal neuralgia, and Respiratory Sequelae of Post- Covid Cases.
- vi. Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) is currently involved in validating Siddha drugs through clinical trials, pre-clinical, Pharmacological / Toxicological studies for acute and chronic diseases in integrative manner utilizing modern system of techniques and equipment.
- vii. Integrated Siddha cancer OPD has been successfully functioning at All India Institute of Ayurveda campus aiding the Palliative care of cancer patients through Siddha system.
- viii. National Institute of Homoeopathy, Kolkata provides Homoeopathic consultation at Centenary Hospital, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata along with mainstream medicine.
