

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
RAJYA SABHA
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Establishment of global centre for traditional medicine

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Will the Minister of Ayush be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has signed any agreement with other countries for setting up the WHO Global centre for traditional medicine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the main objective of establishing the WHO global centre; and
- (d) whether the above global centre is also working to ensure the quality, safety and effectiveness of traditional medicine system, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a), (b) & (c) The Ministry of Ayush, Government of India signed an agreement with the World Health Organization (WHO) Headquarters, Geneva concerning the establishment of the World Health Organization's Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in Jamnagar, Gujarat, India, on 25th March, 2022. The main objective of establishing the WHO's Global Centre is to position India in Traditional Medicine as global leader. The Center is working for the development of health research agenda and public health strategies, setting international norms and standards, providing technical support to the member states of the World Health Organization (WHO), and

monitoring & assessing health trends and protection of traditional knowledge to establish strong linkages among the Member States in the field of Traditional Medicine.

(d) As per the agreement, the Government shall respect the functional independence of WHO in carrying out its activities.
