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RAJYA SABHA
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“Initiative for promotion of AYUSH systems of medicine”

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has recently taken any special initiative for the promotion of AYUSH systems of medicine at the international level under the 'Central Sector Scheme', the details regarding the objectives of the scheme and the major steps taken under it;
- (b) whether the Ministry has planned to set up AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign countries and the details about its benefits and the process of implementation; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has entered into any partnership to promote the exchange of experts and information under the 'Central Sector Scheme'?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SH. PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

a) The Ministry of Ayush, developed a central sector scheme for Promotion of International Cooperation for AYUSH. The objective of the scheme are to promote and strengthen awareness and interest about AYUSH Systems of Medicine at international level, to facilitate International promotion, development and recognition of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy, to foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of AYUSH at international level, to support international exchange of experts and information for promotion and propagation of AYUSH systems, to give boost to AYUSH products/ services / education/ research/ training globally, and to promote academics and research through establishment of AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign countries.

Under this scheme the Ministry provides support to Indian AYUSH drug Manufacturers/ Ayush Service providers to give boost to the export of AYUSH products and services; facilitates the

International promotion, development and recognition of AYUSH systems of medicine; foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of AYUSH at international level; promote academics and research through the 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.

Ministry of Ayush has taken initiative for inclusion of 'Traditional Medicine' chapter in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10 and 11); supporting the scientific research; AYUSH Export Promotion Council (AYUSHEXCIL); WHO global Centre for Traditional Medicine; celebration of Yoga and Ayurveda day worldwide etc.

In addition, the Ministry of Ayush has taken the following steps towards the international promotion, development and recognition for AYUSH systems of medicine:

- Signed 24 Country to Country MoUs for Cooperation in field of Traditional Medicine and Homoeopathy with foreign nations.
- Signed 15 MoUs with International Institutes for setting up of AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign nations.
- Regularly signs Institute level MoUs with foreign institutes for undertaking Collaborative Research / Academic collaboration.
- Supported the establishment of 42 AYUSH Information Cells in 38 foreign nations.
- Offers scholarships to foreign nationals for studying AYUSH courses in recognized AYUSH institutions in India under International AYUSH Fellowship/Scholarship Program.

b) Ministry of Ayush has functional academic AYUSH chairs at Bangladesh, Australia, Mauritius, Latvia, and Malaysia. The initiative of AYUSH chair at foreign institutes is a part of India's broader efforts to promote AYUSH systems of medicine, internationally. Establishing AYUSH Chairs in foreign universities is a key strategy for fostering international collaboration, research, and promoting AYUSH's benefits. The Chair usually aim to advance academic exchange, research, and public awareness of AYUSH, contributing to its recognition and acceptance in the host country.

The establishment of an AYUSH Chair results either from bilateral efforts or the willingness of a foreign institution to host the AYUSH Chair. A Chair MoU is then signed between the foreign university and an institute under the Ministry of Ayush. Subsequently, an AYUSH expert with the requisite qualification is selected. The Chair is then deputed to the foreign university. The Ministry of Ayush provides the salary and travel costs, while the host foreign

university provides rent-free accommodation and local hospitality to the Chair. The chair is deputed initially for 1 year, and extendable up to 3rd year.

c) Ministry of Ayush has entered into country level and institute level agreements with various foreign countries which embraces the objectives of exchanging experts and information. In this regard, Ministry deputed experts under the scheme in various trade fairs, conferences, bilateral/ multilateral meetings, technical trainings, and similarly other countries sends their experts in meetings/ events hosted in India.