

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *189
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th MARCH, 2025**

“ICD-11 update on traditional medicine”

***189.Dr. Kalpana Saini:**

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

- (a) the details of steps Government is taking to integrate the World Health Organization (WHO) 2025 International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) update on traditional medicine into the country's health system;
- (b) the manner in which the said update is likely to impact India's position in the global traditional medicine market, particularly in terms of exports and international collaboration; and
- (c) the details of Government's plan to ensure that traditional medicinal products classified under ICD-11 meet international safety and efficacy standards?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.*189 due for reply on 18.03.2025 asked by Dr. Kalpana Saini regarding “ICD-11 update on traditional medicine”

- (a) The Government of India has played a key role by acting as a donor country in the development of Traditional Medicine Module 2 of Chapter 26, in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) which is dedicated to Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani. The work has been successfully completed and the module has been released on WHO ICD-11 Official Portal in the month of February 2025. Further, the National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH), Hyderabad, under Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), is carrying out an intramural research project titled “NAMASTE Portal Upgradation for the Transition of ICD-10 to ICD-11 TM2 Module and Development of Procedure Codes Based on the International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI) Template” to provide secretarial assistance to the Ministry of Ayush in matters related to the transition from ICD-10 to ICD-11 TM2 and other associated tasks.
- (b) This key milestone for traditional medicine, facilitating its global adoption and supporting integrative healthcare policies, focused on overall well-being. The 2025 ICD-11 update significantly advances the global integration of traditional medicine, including Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani. Dual coding and enhanced data collection enables evidence-based policies, improve patient care, and support the inclusion of these practices in national and international healthcare systems, promoting holistic health. Hence, the implementation of ICD-11, TM Module 2 in India will be able to create an ecosystem for Integrative Health Care Institutions.
- The morbidity codes of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani have now been included in the international classification of diseases, thereby facilitating the communication with the world community of physicians and health researchers in the technical terms of their own.
- (c) ICD-11 exclusively deals with classification of diseases and not with traditional medicine products.