

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 330

TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2025

Academic and Research collaboration in Homeopathy

330. Dr. Sikander Kumar:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has signed Memorandum to foster academic and research collaboration in the field of Homeopathy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has issued guidelines for biomedical and health research to provide a structured ethical framework for research in integrative medicine, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government is implementing any program to increase medical practices and also to widen the research in Ayush medical colleges in Himachal Pradesh?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

The Statement referred in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.330 for 01.04.2025

(a) and (b) Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy is an apex research council under the Ministry of Ayush which undertakes research activities such as Clinical Research, Drug Proving, Drug Verification, Drug validation, Drug Standardization and Public Health Research, Fundamental Research and Epidemic research either in intramural mode or in collaboration with different Universities/ institutes of repute. Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has 27 institutes/Units and 06 homoeopathy treatment centers across the country which undertake research in the aforementioned fields.

Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for research cooperation in collaboration with reputed Institutes/Organizations. Among these, there are 7 MoU with All India Institute of Medical Sciences, 6 with Indian Institute of Technology and 114 with Homoeopathy Medical Colleges. The Memorandum of Understanding is either research study specific or generic.

Further, the National Institute of Homoeopathy (NIH), Kolkata is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Ayush to foster excellence in Homoeopathic medical education and research, to educate and train undergraduate, post-graduate students and research scholars of Homoeopathy in accordance with highest professional standards and ethical values. NIH, Kolkata has collaborated with IIT, Kharagpur, AIIMS, Raipur, NIPER, Kolkata, ICAR, Atari, Kolkata and CCRH, New Delhi to promote research and development in the field of Homoeopathy.

(c) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has published an addendum to the ICMR National Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical and Health Research Involving Human Participants (2017) to provide a structured ethical framework for Research in Integrative Medicine (RIM). The guideline is available at https://www.icmr.gov.in/icmrobject/uploads/Guidelines/1740984016_icmraddendumethicalrequirementsforresearchinintegrativemedicine.pdf.

(d) The National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH), a statutory body under the Ministry of Ayush for regulation of education and practice of Homoeopathy has notified the National Commission for Homoeopathy (Medical Research in Homoeopathy) Regulations 2023 specifying the guidelines for undertaking research in Homoeopathy and also for ensuring development of research aptitude of homoeopathic medical students and practitioners throughout the Country including Himachal Pradesh.

The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), a statutory body under the Ministry of Ayush for regulation of education and practice of Indian systems of medicines i.e. Ayurveda, Sidha, Unani & Sowa-rigpa (ASUS) has framed guidelines and circulated the same to all ASUS Colleges/ Institutes to promote, encourage and widen the research in ASUS medical Colleges across the Country including Himachal Pradesh.
