

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2886

TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.08.2025

“Validating tribal medicine practices in Odisha”

2886. Shri Niranjan Bishi:

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

(a) whether the Ministry is documenting and validating tribal medicine practices in Odisha, especially from the districts of Balangir, Malkangiri, Kandhamal and Mayurbhanj; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) & (b) The Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI) Bhubaneswar, one of the peripheral institute of Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) under the Ministry of Ayush is actively involved in documenting and validating the Local Health traditions (LHT) by the following programs viz.

I. Medico Ethno-Botanical Survey (MEBS)

II. Tribal Health Care Research programme (THCRP)

MEBS & THCRP teams are documenting the LHT in the districts of Balangir and Mayurbhanj districts of Odisha respectively.

Also, the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Ministry of Ayush has conducted ethno-botanical survey through its Regional Research Institute of Unani Medicine (RRIUM), Bhadrak, Odisha to document and identify medicinal plants and their folklores uses. The Council has published about 3658 Folk medicinal claims on 508 plant species used for treating various diseases and condition of humans from Odisha states including those used by traditional healers in the State.
