

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1815

TO BE ANSWERED ON 16/12/2025

“Collaboration on traditional medicine and alternative healthcare systems”

1815 Shri Ashokrao Shankarrao Chavan:

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

- (a) whether India and Germany recently advanced their collaboration on traditional medicine and alternative healthcare systems during the 3rd Joint Working Group Meeting held in Berlin and if so, details thereof;
- (b) the major areas of cooperation discussed or finalized in the meeting between the two countries, particularly in the fields of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy;
- (c) whether any agreements signed between the two nations to promote evidence-based traditional medicine practices in the said meet and if so, details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken to strengthen regulatory frameworks and exchange of experts between India and Germany in this sector?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The 3rd Joint Working Group Meeting on Alternative Medicine between the Ministry of Ayush (India) and the Federal Ministry of Health (Germany) was convened in Berlin from 18 to 20 November 2025.

The agenda focused on three core pillars:

- Integration of traditional medicine into the health system.
- Reimbursement pathways for traditional and integrative therapies.
- Regulatory approval frameworks for traditional medicine.

The joint working group (JWG) discussed various issues during the meeting to carry forward joint research collaboration, explore Reimbursement Pathways for Ayush traditional medicine interventions and explore Regulatory Cooperation in export of Ayush traditional medicine products.

The JWG also discussed the integration of Ayush into healthcare systems, highlighting India's regulatory frameworks, research initiatives, and clinical care networks. It was emphasized collaboration opportunities in fundamental research, multi-country trials, and global knowledge sharing to develop evidence-based practice guidelines and promote sustainability and economic viability in Ayush system.

Both sides agreed to sign an Institute to Institute level Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between All India Institute of Ayurveda, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Ayush and Charite Universitätsmedizin, Berlin on Academic & Research Collaboration in Ayurveda.
