GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 231 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MARCH, 2017

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

*231. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is treatment for Alzheimer's disease in Ayurveda and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the clinical trials of drugs for Alzheimer's disease have not been successful;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to promote Ayurveda for treatment of Alzheimer's disease under AYUSH system of medicine?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 231* FOR 17TH MARCH, 2017

(a) to (d) There is no mention of Alzheimer disease in the classical texts of Ayurveda. However, conditions of memory loss are treated by Ayurveda based on symptoms and their clinical course.

Institutions under Ministry of AYUSH have not undertaken any clinical trial on Alzheimer's disease.

The Ministry of AYUSH, under its Extra Mural Research Scheme, has approved a project, namely "Potential anti-oxidant effect of selected Ayurvedic herbs in Parkinson and Alzheimer disease". This project has been undertaken by All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.