

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1814
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH MARCH, 2017**

MODERN MEDICINES THROUGH HARNESSING OF PLANTS

1814. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

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

(a) whether the Government has explored modern medicines through scientific method to harness the power of plants for benefit of mankind for lowering sugar levels, anti-cancer medicine, HIV treatment etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the research conducted in this regard during the last three years and the outcome thereof?

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

(a): Yes, It has been reported by Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) that their institute, namely, National Institute of Traditional Medicine (NITM) by using modern science has taken up validation of traditionally used medicines for Diabetes, Arthritis, Cancer etc.

(b): ICMR has undertaken three studies on Diabetes, two studies on Cancer and four studies on other diseases including Arthritis and Herpes. A total of nine research papers have been published.

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