

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 364  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017  
TRIBAL HEALTH CARE PROJECT**

**364. SHRI P.K. BIJU:  
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start Tribal Health Care Research Programme (THCRP) by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS);
- (b) if so, the aims and objectives thereof;
- (c) the details of target set for 2016-17 and achievement made so far under THCRP; and
- (d) the number of tribals likely to be covered under the said project?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): The Tribal Health Care Research Program (THCRP) was started by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous organization under Central Government in 1982. The project involves studies of the living condition of tribal people including health Traditions (LHT); use of common medicinal plants in the area; propagation of knowledge about hygiene and prevention of diseases; and extending medical aid at door steps. The objectives of the project are as under:

- (i) Provide health care facility to tribal population;
- (ii) Promote healthy living among tribes; and
- (iii) Collect and document the folk claims and local health traditions to enable research etc.

(c): The targets and progress under the project during FY 2016-17 are as under:

- (i) Population covered (target): 80,000
- (ii) Population covered (actual): 89120
- (iii) Documentation of folklore/LHT (target): 160
- (iv) Documentation of folklore/LHT (actual): 125

(d): Same as (c) above.