

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5719
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH APRIL, 2017**

AYUSH INFORMATION CELL

5719. SHRI R.P. MARUTHARAJAA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has established AYUSH Information Cell to promote research in Ayurveda outside the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, countrywise including Kyrgyz Republic; and
- (c) the benefits likely to be accrued from this initiative?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes. AYUSH Information Cells are set up in foreign countries under the aegis of Indian Embassies/ Missions and Cultural Centres set up by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) or at a venue suggested by the Indian Missions for dissemination of authentic information and to take up awareness building about AYUSH systems of medicine abroad. As of now, 26 AYUSH Information Cells have been set up in 24 countries *viz.* Malaysia, Trinidad & Tobago, Mexico, Cuba, Hungary, Russia (2 Cells), Indonesia (2 Cells), Mauritius, Slovenia, Sweden, China, Dubai, Croatia, Kyrgyzstan, Finland, Argentina, Serbia, Israel, Tajikistan, Peru, Tanzania, Switzerland, Venezuela and London.

(c): AYUSH Information Cells help in global promotion and propagation of AYUSH systems of medicine which would lead to signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with foreign Governments/ Universities/Institutes, for Country to Country cooperation in the field of traditional systems of medicine, setting up of AYUSH Academic Chairs and undertaking collaborative research.
