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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5740 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH APRIL, 2017

INCENTIVE SCHEME FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

5740. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme for grant in aid to non-profit/Non-Governmental Institutions supporting clinical research in AYUSH products;
- (b) if so, the total number of Non-Governmental Organisations that received grant-in-aid and the total number of research proposals received in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has also introduced incentive scheme for encouraging research activities in AYUSH; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of AYUSH has set-up five autonomous Research Councils, namely, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN) as apex bodies for formulation, coordination, development and promotion of research activities in traditional medicine systems for various diseases.

The Ministry of AYUSH through these Councils run Extra Mural Research (EMR) scheme which provides grants-in-aid to various organizations including Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)/ Voluntary organizations. Out of 273 proposals related to Research under EMR scheme received in this Ministry, 19 projects related to Non-Governmental organization/ Voluntary organization received grant-in-aid from Ministry of AYUSH during year 2016-17.

- (c) & (d): some of the steps taken by the Govt. to incentivise and encourage Research activities are as follows:
 - i. Introduction of fellowship scheme for AYUSH scholars to pursue Ph.D. programmes.
 - ii. Award systems in the categories of teachers, young scientist, research papers etc.
 - iii. Scholarship programme for pursuing MD courses.

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