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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2180 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JULY, 2017

CENTRAL BODY FOR STUDY ON COW URINE

2180. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up a Central Body, comprising scientists and health experts, to study the role of cow urine and dung in curing diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also fact that the Ministry would also involve itself to strengthen the research on India's ancient knowledge of natural substances in the context of this benefit to health; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): Yes. The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India has constituted a National Steering Committee to initiate a National Programme on "Scientific Validation and Research on Panchgavya" (SVAROP).
- (c) & (d): Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous Ayurvedic research organization of the Central Government, has undertaken study to evaluate the immune-modulatory activity and safety/toxicity of Panchgavya Ghrita, which is an Ayurvedic formulation made from cow's five products (milk, curd, ghee, urine and dung) as mentioned in Ayurvedic classical texts and Ayurvedic Formulary of India, Part I.

Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences has conducted a National Seminar on Panchagavya Chikitsa in the year 2014 for promotion and awareness building and brought out a compilation document of published research papers on Panchagavya and its ingredients. The published research papers on Panchagavya have been uploaded in the 'AYUSH Research Portal' for ready access to the public.

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