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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4185 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2017

CLINICAL TRIALS ON HIV PATIENTS

4185. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of reported clinical trials conducted by a Government Homoeopathic Medical College that claims to have already turned eight persons HIV negative and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether these trials have been approved by the Clinical Trials Registry of India and the National Aids Control Organisation (NACO) and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has called for detailed inquiry in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government towards clarifying procedural overlapping and administerial complexities between agencies of the Ministries of Health and Family Welfare and Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)?

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

- (a): The National Aids Control Organisation (NACO) and the Central Council for Research in Homeopathy (CCRH) have not received any claim made by Homoeopaths about treatment of HIV patients with Homeopathic drugs. However, a report in the newspaper, 'The Hindu' has highlighted the claim.
- (b) & (c): NACO has informed that no such trial has been approved. As no claim has been received by them, detailed inquiry has not been sought.
- (d): Detailed guidelines for undertaking clinical trials in Homoeopathy on the lines of schedule 'Y' of drugs and Cosmetic Act has been drafted by the Central Council for Research in Homeopathy to pre-empt any procedural overlapping.