

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 13  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2017**

**PROMOTION OF RESEARCH IN AYURVEDIC MEDICINES**

**13. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:**

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

- (a) the details of Government schemes/policy to promote research in Ayurvedic medicines;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan for raising awareness about alternative medicines on an international platform; and
- (c) 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): The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) is an apex body under Ministry of AYUSH, for undertaking, coordinating, formulating, developing and promoting research on scientific lines in Ayurveda. The main activities of the Council comprise Clinical research, Drug Research, Medicinal plant research, Drug Standardization & Quality Control, Pharmacology research and Literary research. The Govt. also implements a scheme for extra mural research (EMR) in various traditional systems of Indian medicine including Ayurveda.

(b): Yes.

(c): In order to raise awareness about alternative medicines on an international platform the Govt. of India undertakes various measures such as Signing of Country to Country Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) on cooperation in the field of Traditional Medicine, setting up of AYUSH Academic Chairs in Foreign Universities/Institutes, signing of MoUs for undertaking collaborative research to enhance the acceptability of AYUSH systems at International level, setting up of AYUSH Information Cells for dissemination of authentic information, Organisation/participation in International exhibitions/conferences/workshops/ seminars/road shows/trade fairs etc.