

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1356
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND DECEMBER, 2017**

AYUSH MEDICINE SYSTEM UNDER RSBY

1356. SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE:

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

- (a) whether AYUSH system of medicine has been included into Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the manner in which the said system is likely to benefit from inclusion under RSBY; and
- (c) whether the Government propose to create and regulate the infrastructure for research to make AYUSH medical system more popular, 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): As on date AYUSH systems of medicine are not covered under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY). Inclusion of AYUSH under RSBY can help promotion and mainstreaming of AYUSH in health insurance sector by providing alternate or adjuvant option of treatment to the beneficiaries.

(c): Government has set up five autonomous Research Councils of AYUSH (namely, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences; Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy; Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine; Central Council for Research in Siddha; and Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy) with 85 research centers across the country. These Research Councils are regularly provided financial grants for development & strengthening of research infrastructure and to undertake various research activities on scientific lines for promoting Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Homoeopathy. Ministry of AYUSH has also implemented an Extramural Research Scheme through which financial support is provided to the AYUSH-related research projects of the scientific and medical institutions.

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