

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1844
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH DECEMBER, 2017**

RESEARCH IN TRADITIONAL MEDICINES

1844. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that traditional medicine lags behind in terms of standardization and critical research;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that traditional and western medicines are practised alongside each other at every level of the healthcare system in China and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to encourage research in traditional medicines to enhance its stature over allopathy in India; and
- (e) if so, the response of 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): No.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): The Government is not aware of such practice in China.
- (d): Yes.
- (e): The Government have set up five autonomous Research Councils, namely, (i) Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), (ii) Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), (iii) Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), (iv) Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) & (v) Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN) with the mandate to undertake research in their respective system of healthcare. These Research Councils coordinate, formulate, develop and promote research on scientific lines in the AYUSH systems. Their activities cover medicinal plant research (medico-ethno botanical survey, pharmacognosy and tissue culture), drug standardisation, pharmacological research, clinical research, literary research and documentation. The Research Councils carry out their activities through their own units located in different parts of the country as well as through collaborative efforts with various universities, hospitals and institutes.