

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2060
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th DECEMBER, 2017**

AYURVEDIC MEDICINES IN CGHS CENTRES

2060. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the difficulties faced by the patients covered under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) due to the complex process of procurement of Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani and other medicines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and spent for the procurement of Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani and homoeopathic medicines under this scheme during each of the last two years, year wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the procurement process and minimise the problems of the patients?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): Some difficulties are being faced by the beneficiaries not because of the complex process but because of:-

- (a) Non-availability of Authorized Local Chemist for AYUSH in cities outside Delhi.
(b) Non-availability of Rate Contract for AYUSH drugs.

(c): The details of the funds allocated and spent for the procurement of Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathic Medicines under this Scheme during the last two years are at Annexure.

Following steps have been taken to expedite the procurement process and minimise the problems of the patients:-

- Tender process have been initiated for Central procurement of Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani and other medicines, which are not supplied by Indian Medicine Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited (IMPCL) and other Government undertakings.
- Medicines which are not readily available are procured through Authorized Local Chemists.
- In Cities, where there are no Authorized Local Chemists, beneficiaries can buy the non-available medicines and claim reimbursement.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT SHOWING TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED AND EXPENDITURE**

(Rupees in Crores)

	2015-16		2016-17	
	Allotment	Expenditure	Allotment	Expenditure
Ayurvedic	5.16	4.22	5.44	3.07
Unani	1.50	0.72	1.50	0.78
Homeopathy	1.50	0.58	1.50	0.29
Siddha	0.68	0.37	1.00	0.35
