

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2070
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH DECEMBER, 2017**

OBJECTIVES OF VCS

2070. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

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

- (a) the number of Ayurveda hospitals accredited so far, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the main objectives of Voluntary Certificate Scheme (VCS) for AYUSH products along with the extent to which objectives have been achieved;
- (c) the main role of Quality Council of India; and
- (d) whether Quality Council of India (QCI) has made any study on the implementation of VCS, if so, the details and the findings thereof ?

ANSWER

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

(a): As on 26.12.2017 total 25 Ayurveda hospitals are accredited. The State/ UT wise details are given below –

S.No	State/ UT	No. of accredited Ayurveda Hospitals
1.	Delhi	02
2.	Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Tamilnadu.	01each
3.	Karnataka	06
4.	Kerala	12

(b) & (d): The objectives of the Voluntary Certification Scheme for AYUSH products are to provide a framework to the Indian AYUSH Industry to demonstrate compliance to domestic regulations as well as international standards like WHO GMP to improve regulatory compliance, facilitate greater acceptance of AYUSH products in overseas markets, and enhance consumer Confidence through a mechanism of third party audits based international best practices. No such study has been taken up.

(c): Main role of QCI is to play a pivotal role in propagating, adopting and adherence to quality standards in all important spheres of activities including education, healthcare, environment protection, governance, social sectors, infrastructure sector and such other areas of organized activities that have significant bearing in improving the quality of life and wellbeing of the citizens of India.
