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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2350 TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH MARCH, 2018

MEDICINE FOR MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES

2350. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has developed any new medicine for mosquitoborne diseases such as Dengue and Chikungunya;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to establish Yoga University and de-addiction centres in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan; and
- (e) the time by which these universities and de-addiction centres are likely to be established?

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) an autonomous body functioning under the Ministry of AYUSH has taken up development of a coded drug namely "AYUSH PJ-7" for Dengue through systematic process of drug development.
- (b): A preclinical study including quality control and safety studies have been completed and clinical study entitled "Evaluation of Add on Efficacy & Safety of An Ayurvedic Formulation in the Management of Dengue Fever & Prevention of its complications" has been undertaken.
- (c) to (e): There is no proposal with the Central Government to set up any Yoga University. Ayurvedic de-addiction OPD and Counselling facility has been set up at Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Metabolic Disorders, Bengaluru in association with another CCRAS Institute, Advanced Centre for Ayurveda in Mental Health & Neurosciences, Bengaluru and also National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences Bengaluru. The different techniques of Yoga are widely used for de-addiction and rehabilitation of drugs users in de-addiction centres. The practices used are mainly the Shatkriyas, Asanas, Pranayamas and Meditation. However, Ministry of AYUSH has not set up specific de-addiction centres or formulated any guidelines in regard to de-addiction centres.