

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.716
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2018**

NEW BUILDINGS FOR AYUSH DISPENSARIES

716. DR. P.K. BIJU:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct new buildings for AYUSH dispensaries, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to declare Ayurveda colleges in Kerala as centres of excellence and provide them with financial aid so as to enhance the quality of education imparted by them, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to open any centre in Kerala in order to encourage research in Ayurveda, 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) Health is a State Subject. Opening of new AYUSH Dispensary comes under purview of State/UT Governments. However, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM), there is provision of financial assistance for upgradation of Government/ Panchayat/ Government aided AYUSH Dispensaries for undertaking addition/ alteration of existing premises, furniture, fixtures, equipments etc. State/UT Governments are eligible for seeking grant-in-aid under this activity as per NAM guidelines.
- (b) There is no proposal for declaring Ayurveda colleges as Centre of Excellence in Kerala by the Central Government. However, under National AYUSH Mission there is provision of financial assistance for Upgradation of State Government Under-Graduate and post-Graduate AYUSH Educational Institutions. State Government of Kerala may avail eligible financial assistance by projecting the same through State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per NAM guideline.
- (c) No. However, there are two Ayurveda Research Institutes namely Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Lifestyle related Disorders, Trivandrum and Central Ayurveda Research Institute for Neuromuscular and Musculo-Skeletal disorders, Cheruthuruthy which are presently functioning in Kerala under the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, New Delhi.