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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4367 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH JULY, 2019

DIGITISATION OF AYUSH

4367. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to digitize the entire AYUSH health care delivery at all levels and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the measures being taken by the Government to improve the Government health delivery system through AYUSH system?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes. Ministry of AYUSH has conceptualized AYUSH GRID Project for digitising AYUSH healthcare delivery at all levels. The details are as under:

Objective of the AYUSH Grid Project:

The AYUSH Grid Project is the proposed IT backbone for the entire AYUSH sector covering the healthcare systems Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Homoeopathy. AYUSH Grid is envisaged as an omnibus digital eco- system that would lead to all round development of the AYUSH sector in fields of healthcare delivery at all levels, research, education, schemes and various health programs.

Vision:

To develop a network of People, Knowledge and Technology for radical, sustainable and wholesome transformation of AYUSH sector, and play a pivotal role in taking care of holistic health care needs (i.e. curative, preventive and promotive health) and socio- economic wellbeing of Indian citizens and further extending the benefits to entire world population.

Mission:

To create an organic and dynamic information and communication technology (ICT) powered network interconnecting all streams of AYUSH in their key functional areas viz. health care

delivery, capacity building, research & development, AYUSH drug regulation and education. This will be beneficial for all stakeholders of AYUSH and also helpful for effective governance. Strategies for development will be in sync with the national and international policies and health care needs.

The main components of AYUSH GRID Project are as under:

- Health Services
- Education
- Research
- Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes
- Training
- Citizen Centric Services
- Drug Licencing Portal
- Media Outreach

(b): Health is a state subject and the concerned state Government adopt various measures to improve the Government health delivery system, including AYUSH Systems of Healthcare. At the Central level, the Ministry of AYUSH also takes various initiatives to achieve this goal, mainly through interventions in areas like AYUSH education, AYUSH Research, establishing and running national level institutes, setting guidelines for drug regulation, setting benchmarks for AYUSH digitisation and forgoing international collaboration in relevant activities. Further, Ministry of AYUSH has launched Pilot Project of AYUSH Health Management Information System (A-HMIS) on 05.11.2018. As on today, 82 health facilities (NI's and RC's) under the Ministry are using available modules of A-HMIS. The Ministry has also launched training programmes in A-HMIS. An IT Course for AYUSH Professionals for capacity building of AYUSH Doctors in use of Digital Technologies in Healthcare for improvement of healthcare delivery system in AYUSH has been initiated with the support of C-DAC, Pune.