

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-609
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/12/2022**

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINES

609. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the **MINISTER OF AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has entered into any agreement with other countries for Research and Development in traditional medicines and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any scheme to promote traditional and ethnic pharmaceuticals in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the locations where ethnic and conventional medicines are found in the country, State-wise?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a) Yes. Government of India has signed 24 Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) for country to country cooperation in the field of medicine Nepal, Bangladesh, Hungary, Trinidad & Tobago, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Turkmenistan, Myanmar, World Health Organization, Germany, Iran, Sao Tome & Principe, Equatorial Guinea, Cuba, Colombia, Bolivia, Gambia, Republic of Guinea, China, St Vincent and The Grenadines, Suriname, Brazil and Zimbabwe. 40 MoUs for undertaking collaborative research and development of Traditional Medicine has been signed with foreign Institutes/Universities/Organizations from USA, Germany, UK, Canada, Malaysia, Brazil, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Tajikistan, Saudi Arabia, Ecuador, Japan, Indonesia, and Reunion Island, Korea, Hungary, Philippines, Reunion Island. 15 MoUs have been signed for setting up of Ayush Academic Chairs in foreign Institutes/Universities from Hungary, Latvia, Mauritius, Bangladesh, Russia, West-Indies, Thailand, Indonesia, Slovenia, Armenia, Argentina, Malaysia, South Africa, Australia, Mexico.

(b) Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani & Homoeopathic (ASU&H) drugs are regulated under the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules, 1945 in the country.

The constituent laboratory of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research namely Institute of Himalayan Bio-resource Technology (CSIR-IHBT), Palampur has signed an MoU with National Research Institute of Chinese Medicine, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan, to collaborate in the areas of mutual interest which included medicinal plants, bioactive molecules, herbal formulations etc. CSIR and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have signed an MoU to identify the opportunities for scientific and technological research between researchers located within and outside of India, including collaborations with foundation-funded entities in the areas including but not limited to traditional medicine (AYUSH)-guided by specific applications to disease/ health priorities.

Under the Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of International Co-operation in AYUSH (IC Scheme), Ministry of Ayush supports AYUSH drug manufacturers, entrepreneurs, AYUSH institutions and Hospitals etc. for international propagation of AYUSH by participating in international exhibitions, trade fairs, road shows etc. to display their products and services. Ayush Oushadhi Gunvatta evam Utpadan Samvardhan Yojana (AOGUSY) of Ministry of Ayush has been initiated for augmenting quality of Ayush drugs during the 15th Finance Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26) by merging the existing Central Sector Schemes of Pharmacovigilance initiative, Central Drug Controller of Ayush and Quality Control of ASU&H drugs {Component of National Ayush Mission (NAM)} and inclusion of certain new elements to facilitate standardization, effective enforcement of rules/regulations, technology up-gradation for manufacturing and analytical testing, certification/accreditation, training and capacity building activities intended towards quality assurance of Ayush drugs. The Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) of Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India is available to the Industry for availing benefits under Manufacturing and Service Sector including Ayush. Indian medicine Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited (IMPCL) which is a Mini Ratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under Ministry of Ayush (Government of India) is manufacturing of Ayurveda & Unani Medicines in India.

(c) Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha is recognized under the NCISM act and are available all over the country.

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