

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 631
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022**

DIALOGUE BETWEEN PRACTITIONERS OF DIFFERENT MEDICAL TREATMENT

631. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT ;

Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has ever taken any concrete steps to organize long-term dialogue between the practitioners of different systems of medical treatment to lay a path ahead to effectively treat patients suffering with diseases of serious nature and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, whether the Government proposes to organize such dialogue with a view to find out effective solutions to treat illnesses; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to set a high-level working group of medical experts and representatives of premier research institutions belonging to different systems of medicinal treatment; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. All the five Research Councils {Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS); Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS); Central Council for Research in Unani Medicines (CCRUM); Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH); and Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN)} functioning under the aegis of Ministry of Ayush, since their inception, have been undertaking clinical research studies involving domain experts from modern medicine in the development of research protocols, consultations during the implementation of the study, follow-up of patients enrolled in the studies, as and when required. Few examples wherein experts from modern medicine were involved in research studies, are acute encephalitis, cancer, COVID-19, diabetes and its complications, hypertension, dyslipidemia, trigeminal neuralgia, haemophilia, acute otitis media, dengue, depression, schizophrenia, chronic kidney disease etc.

The Ministry of Ayush has also constituted an inter-disciplinary Ayush Research & Development Task Force for initiating, coordinating and monitoring the R&D activities in the Ayush Sector related to SARS-COV-2 virus and COVID-19 disease. This Task Force consists

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of eminent scientists, medical professionals, members and representatives from CSIR, ICMR, DBT, Traditional Medicine Unit (WHO), UGC, AIIMS, AIIA, CCRAS, CCRS, CCRUM, CCRH and NMPB. The Task Force has formulated guidelines for Ayush clinical and observational studies in COVID-19, covering various aspects of clinical trial protocols.

(c) & (d) A high-level working group of Secretaries of Science Research Departments/Ministries, has been formed and constituted by the Government very recently in August, 2022 to ensure better synergy and increased coordination of the projects for Ayush research. This Working Group, namely “National Ayush Inter-Ministerial Research Committee (NAIMRC)”, under Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, has following Members:

- (i) Secretary (DST), Department of Science and Technology;
- (ii) Secretary (DBT), Department of Biotechnology;
- (iii) Secretary (DSIR), Department of Scientific and Industrial Research;
- (iv) Secretary (DPIIT), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade;
- (v) Secretary (DoC), Department of Commerce;
- (vi) Secretary (MoEF&CC), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and
- (vii) Deputy Director General (Dr. N. Srikanth), Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), as Member Secretary.

In addition, all the Research Councils have set-up different scientific bodies such as Scientific Advisory Board, Special Committee for Clinical Research, Special Committee for Fundamental Research, Special Committee for Drug Providing and Special Committee for Drug Standardization, and Institutional Ethics Committees for authenticating the research protocols developed for undertaking research studies.

The experts/members in these Committees guide in the development of research proposals.

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