

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1442
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th FEBRUARY, 2023**

SMART

**1442. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government have launched “SMART” – Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research in Teaching Professionals programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated, released and utilised under the said programme, State-wise including Maharashtra; and
- (d) the extent to which such Ayurveda Research benefited/likely to be benefited under the said programme?

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The “SMART” – Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research in Teaching Professionals programme has been launched in the country on 2nd January, 2023 by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, an Autonomous Body under aegis of Ministry of Ayush, to provide technical and financial support to promote robust clinical studies through collaboration with Ayurveda academia. This collaborative Research programme in Ayurveda is designed to enable research that has the potential to improve the understanding of safety and efficacy of Ayurveda medicines, products and practices. Funding will be done based on the scientific merit of each proposal received.
- (c) No funds have so far been released as the programme has been launched recently.
- (d) Such research would be well balanced and shall implement equal reciprocity, benefit sharing among stakeholders and translating the research outcomes for the benefit of the mankind.
