

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1598
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023**

RESEARCH IN AYUSH SECTOR

**1598. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:**

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

(a) whether the Ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Department of Science and Technology (DST) for undertaking the Research and Development (R&D) activities to promote evidence-based research and scientific intervention in the AYUSH sector, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether they have agreed to jointly undertake R&D activities, on scientific validation of AYUSH concepts, procedures and products and create a platform for the exchange of information, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the MoU will identify the potential areas of research to explore cooperation, convergence and synergy for evidence-based scientific intervention in the AYUSH sector and further application into public healthcare system and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the MoU will also focus on special calls for proposals under AYUSH related R&D activities solicited from the individual or group of national scientists actively engaged in research and technology development in academic institutions, research organizations, Government's agencies and industries, if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) Yes,

Ministry of Ayush has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Department of Science and Technology on 25th November 2022. The purpose of this MoU is exploration of cooperation, convergence and synergy to have evidence-based scientific intervention in the Ayush sector.

(b) to (d)

Yes,

The Ministry of Ayush and the DST have agreed jointly undertake Research and Development activities on scientific validation of Ayush concepts, procedures and products.

The terms of reference in MoU mention that both parties have agreed to constitute a committee comprising members from DST and Ministry of Ayush to identify the potential areas of research and further application of these into public health care system.

The MoU is also focus on special calls for proposals under Ayush related R&D activities solicited from the individual or group of national scientists actively engaged in research and technology development in academic institutions, research organizations, Governments agencies and industries.
