

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2775
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2023**

SETTING UP OF SIDDHA RESEARCH CENTER

2775 SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to set up Siddha research center in Kolli Hills of Namakkal and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding availability of medicinal plants in the Kolli Hills region of Namakkal District, Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

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

(a) No, Sir. There are already three (3) peripheral institutes of Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) functioning in Tamil Nadu namely (1) Siddha Central Research Institute, Chennai, (2) Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Palayamkottai, and (3) Siddha Medicinal Plants Garden (SMPG), Mettur Dam. A National Institute of Siddha (NIS) under Ministry of Ayush is also situated in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. SMPG, Mettur Dam under CCRS has conducted a one-day survey tour to explore the flora of Kolli Hills, Namakkal District, Tamil Nadu on 04-06-2022. The team has surveyed the floral diversity of the area and collected plant samples for propagation at SMPG as well as for Herbarium and Museum. About 50 different plants species including species of *Myristica*, *Macaranga*, *Jacaranda*, *Terminalia*, *Ageratum*, *Acalypha*, *Oxalis*, *Cyclea*, *Solanum*, *Phyllanthus* etc. and some ferns and bryophytes in their vegetative stage as well as some lichens were documented during the survey.
