GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AYUSH

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2832 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023

AYUSH AND MODERN MEDICINE PROFESSIONALS

2832. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the medical professionals belonging to the AYUSH are not treated at par with the medical professionals of the modern medicine with respect of service and salary matters in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of the judgement of the Supreme Court that there cannot be discrimination between doctors of AYUSH and modern medicine and if so, the action taken thereon; and
- (c) whether the Government intends to bring in a comprehensive legislation to eliminate the discrimination between the medical practitioners of the AYUSH and modern medicine in the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF AYUSH (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

a) Ministry of Ayush, Government of India is the cadre controlling authority for Ayush Doctors posted in Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS). These Doctors are getting the benefits of salary and allowances at par with the Doctors of modern medicine deployed by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in CGHS. The Ayush Doctors are given time bound promotions under the Dynamic Assured Career Progression (DACP) scheme at par with the Doctors of modern medicine. The Government has also enhanced the retirement age of Ayush Doctors from 60 years to 65 years at par with the Doctors of modern medicine.

Public Health is a State subject. The appointment of AYUSH doctors and fixation of their salary comes under the purview of respective State/ UT Governments.

- b) Yes, Sir.Does not arise in view of the reply furnished at (a) above.
- c) No, Sir.
