

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4007  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF SMART SCHEME**

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

- (a) the objectives of 'Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research in Teaching Professionals' (SMART) programme launched by the Government to boost scientific research and development in the field of Ayurveda professionals;
- (b) whether the teachers through the SMART programme will be encouraged to take over the projects and prepare a big database in the designated fields of health research, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government towards bringing a comprehensive change in the field of clinical or remedial research in Ayurveda;
- (d) the funds allocated and released under the said programme, State-wise; and
- (e) the tangible plan to implement the scheme and benefit Ayurveda Research under the above-mentioned programme?

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

- (a) Scope for mainstreaming Ayurveda research in teaching professionals (SMART) has been undertaken by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an Autonomous Body under Ministry of Ayush, to provide technical and financial support to promote robust clinical studies through mutual collaboration with Ayurveda academia. The objectives of SMART programme are to undertake, aid, promote and coordinate research to promote and establish a theoretical and practical foundation for high quality research in Ayurveda academic sector through collaboration.
- (b) Being Principal investigator(P-I) of projects under the said programme, teachers will be encouraged to take over the projects and prepare a big database in the designated

fields of health research. This collaborative Research program in Ayurveda is designed to enable research that has the potential to improve our understanding of safety and efficacy of Ayurveda medicine, products and practices. This was conceived with the aim to boost scientific research in priority healthcare research area through Ayush institutions and hospital.

- (c) CCRAS is engaged to promote research in the domains of Fundamental Research, Literature research, Drug Research, Clinical research and public health through its network of 30 research institutes across the country through intramural and collaborative research activities. The Council is engaged in disseminating the benefits of Ayurveda emerged out of the R& D outcomes across the scientific community and general public through research publications in Journals, Technical reports, books, monographs & IEC material.
- (d) As per the CCRAS research policy, the Council has planned to do collaboration with academic institutions as “SMART” programme. Funds under the programme are not pre-allocated state-wise. However, the budget will be sanctioned as per the research protocol aligning to the budgetary requirement of each project. No funds have so far been released as the programme has been launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2023.
- (e) As SMART programme is not a scheme, the projects undertaken under the SMART programme will be executed as per the CCRAS research policy for collaborative research ensuring benefit sharing among stakeholders for translating the research outcomes for the benefit of the mankind.

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