

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-4012  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24/03/2023**

**COLLABORATIONS ON TRADITIONAL AYURVEDIC AND HERBAL  
MEDICINE**

**4012. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:**

Will the **MINISTER OF AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of academic, research and developmental collaborations with other Asian and South-East Asian neighbouring countries on traditional ayurvedic and herbal medicine;
- (b) the details of major advancements in the field of Ayurveda in Financial Year, 2022-2023; and
- (c) whether the Government has any action plan for conducting international level capacity-building workshops at a panchayat level in the field of Ayurveda, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) The Ministry of Ayush has signed 05 country-to-country level MoUs (i.e. Bangladesh, Nepal, China, Myanmar and Malaysia), 03 Institute level Research MoUs (i.e. Bangladesh, Philippines and Malaysia) and 04 Academic Chair MoUs (i.e. Bangladesh, Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia) with neighbouring and other South-East Asian Countries with the aim to expand collaboration in the Ayush system of Medicines. The Ministry of Ayush has also supported the establishment of 03 Ayush Information Cells in South East Asian Countries such as Indonesia and Malaysia.

The Ministry of Ayush also offers scholarships to foreign nationals for undertaking AYUSH courses in recognized AYUSH institutions in India under International Ayush Fellowship/Scholarship Programme. The Ministry of Ayush has offered 49 Ayush Scholarships in 2016-17, 21 scholarships in 2017-18, 44 scholarships in 2018-19, 47 scholarships in 2019-20, 45 scholarships in 2020-21 and 44 scholarships in 2021-22 to neighbouring and other South-East Asian Countries i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam

(b) Following are the major international achievements undertaken by the Ministry of Ayush in the field of Ayurveda in the Financial Year, 2022-2023:

- Signed 01 country-to-country level MoU, 06 Institute Level MoUs and 01 Ayush Academic Chair MoU with foreign nations.

- Signed an agreement with WHO to establish WHO-GCTM in Jamnagar, Gujarat, the ground-breaking Ceremony of which was held on 19.04.2022 in Jamnagar, Gujarat. This Centre aims to provide support to implement WHO's traditional medicine strategy (2014-23) and to support nations in developing policies & action plans to strengthen the role of traditional medicine as part of their journey to universal health coverage.
- Supported the establishment of Ayush Export Promotion Council (Ayushexcil) to promote the export of AYUSH products/ medicines as well as AYUSH services. This was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 20th April 2022 at Global Ayush Innovation and Investment Summit in Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
- Organized B2B Conference & Expo on Traditional Medicine from 02nd to 03rd March, 2023 in Guwahati (Assam) which was attended by SCO countries' dignitaries and business partners from India as well as SCO countries.
- **First Meeting of the Expert Working Group on Traditional Medicine of the SCO Member States** was organized by the Ministry of Ayush on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 2023 in New Delhi and a consensus was developed among the Experts from SCO Countries on EWG Regulations.

(c) No Sir. No such proposal is under consideration.

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