

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2548
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/08/2023**

“CONFERENCE ON TRADITIONAL MEDICINES”

**2548: SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:
DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:**

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

- (a) whether India hosted ASEAN Conference on traditional medicines on 20 July at New Delhi, if so, the details and outcome thereof indicating the aims, objectives and number of participating countries;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to share the research outcomes of various projects implemented in the country in mutual cooperation/ collaboration with ASEAN members, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed in this regard;
- (c) whether the Ministry has established robust international co-operation in AYUSH to boost export of AYUSH products and services and signed MoUs on ‘Cooperation in the field of Traditional Medicines’, if so, the details thereof and the other steps being taken in this regard; and
- (d) whether the Government has also engaged/ collaborated with other countries to undertake high quality research in AYUSH system with regard to various diseases such as Diabetes, Mellitus, Cancer, Mental Health, etc., if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, India with active support from Ministry of External Affairs, Indian Mission to ASEAN and ASEAN Secretariat has hosted Conference on Traditional Medicine between India and ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) on theme “Role of Traditional Medicine in India and ASEAN countries in mitigation of COVID-19 pandemic” on 20th July

at New Delhi. The program was graced by the presence of Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Government of India, Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Ayush and Women & Child Development, Government of India and H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary -General, ASEAN addressed the conference with his video message.

Three C's i.e., Connectivity, Commerce and Culture are the focus areas of action for a greater ASEAN-India integration and the Traditional Medicine sector has potential to fulfil all the Three C. The conference was organized with an aim to share the experiences, disseminate the activities for curbing the spread of COVID-19 and to deliberate of possible cooperation in the field of Ayurveda and other Traditional System of Medicine being practiced in ASEAN countries. It was attended by a total of 101 participants, out of which 17 were international delegates (15 representatives from eight ASEAN countries and 02 were from Embassy of Vietnam, New Delhi) and 84 were Indian delegates.

(b) During the conference, total 18 presentations were made in two technical sessions exchanging knowledge, practices and research outcomes viz.,

- i. Role of Ayurveda and other Traditional systems of Medicine for attaining Sustainable Development Goal-3 i.e. Health and Wellness and
- ii. Discussion on modalities for advancing Traditional Medicine Systems in ASEAN Member States.

(c) Yes, Ministry of Ayush developed the central sector scheme for promotion of International Cooperation for Ayush. Under this scheme the Ministry provides support to Indian Ayush drug Manufacturers/ Ayush Service providers to give boost to the export of Ayush products and services; facilitates the International promotion, development and recognition of Ayush systems of medicine; foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of Ayush at international level; promote academics and research through the establishment of Ayush Academic Chairs in foreign countries and holding training workshop/symposiums for promoting and strengthening awareness and interest about Ayush Systems of Medicine at international level. Further, signed the following Memorandum of Understanding's (MoU's) :

- Signed 24 Country to Country MoUs for Cooperation in field of Traditional Medicine and Homoeopathy with foreign nations.
- Signed 46 MoUs with international institutes for undertaking Collaborative Research / Academic collaboration.
- Signed 15 MoUs with international institutes for setting up of Ayush Academic Chairs in foreign nations.

(d) Yes, Ministry of Ayush is engaged with the following international institutes/organizations for Research Collaboration:

- Letter of Intent between the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, (CCRAS), Ministry of Ayush, Government of the Republic of India and Office of Cancer Complementary and Alternative Medicine (OCCAM), National Cancer Institute, NIH, Dept. of Health & Human Services, Government of the USA.

- MoU between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, (CCRAS) Ministry of Ayush, Government of the Republic of India and Department of Neurology and Complementary Medicine, Lutheran Hospital, Hattingen, on Cooperation in the field of Research & Education in Ayurveda.
- MoU between CCRAS and the Institute for Social Medicine, Epidemiology and Health Economics, Charite University Medical Centre, Berlin Germany.
