

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2571
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH AUGUST, 2023**

“PROMOTION OF AYURVEDIC MEDICINES”

†2571 **SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:**

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

- (a) the initiative taken by the Government to promote Ayurvedic system of medicine and conduct research in AYUSH sector in various parts of the country particularly in areas endowed with natural medicines;
- (b) whether the Government has made any policy for tapping the vast potential available at global level with regard to the Ayurvedic medicines and treatment; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

- (a) Ministry of Ayush has set up Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous organization for undertaking, coordinating, formulating, developing and promoting research on scientific lines in Ayurveda. The research activities are carried out through 30 institutes/Centres located all over India and through collaborative studies with various universities, hospitals and institutes. Through its robust network of 30 peripheral units and Headquarters office, CCRAS regularly participates in various Arogya Melas, Ayurveda day, International Year of Millets and Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav 2.0 related activities, etc. and disseminates authentic information, IEC materials, knowledge and awareness of Ayurveda for its promotion among people. In the year 2022, Ayurveda day was celebrated all over India and across the world on the theme “Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda” in order to promote Ayurvedic practices & Medicines. Further, the Ministry of Ayush has also set up Central Council of Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), Central Council of Research in Siddha (CCRS) and Central Council of Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Apex bodies for carrying out Scientific Research in Homoeopathy, Siddha and Unani respectively through their peripheral institutes located in different parts of the country.

(b) & (c) The 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. Several initiatives undertaken by the Ministry such as inclusion of 'Traditional Medicine' chapter in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD); Draft Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahar) Regulation, 2021; emphasis on scientific research; Ayush Export Promotion Council (AYUSHEXCIL); WHO global Centre for Traditional Medicine; creation of a Strategic Policy and Facilitation Bureau, etc. In addition, the Ministry of Ayush has taken the following steps towards the international recognition for Ayush systems of medicine: Signed 24 Country to Country MoUs for Cooperation in the 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. Supported the establishment of 39 Ayush Information Cells in 35 foreign nations. Offers scholarships to foreign nationals for studying Ayush courses in recognized Ayush institutions in India under International Ayush Fellowship/Scholarship Programme.
