

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2612
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2023**

“STUDY IN AYURVEDIC MEDICINES AND TREATMENTS”

**2612. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:
SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL:**

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

- (a) the scheme of the Government to conduct study and identification of Ayurvedic medicines and remedies in the country particularly in rural areas of Haryana and tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any outreach programme for global recognition of Ayurvedic medicines;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the policies of the Government for advertisement/promotion of such life saving drugs; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

- (a) Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) under Ministry of Ayush has been executing Tribal Health Care Research programme (THCRP) in 14 states for the welfare of Tribal. Through this programme Local Health Traditions (LHT) and folklore practices among Tribal Population are also been documented. List of THCRP institutes are attached at **Annexure-I**. In Madhya Pradesh state, Tribal Health Care Research programme (THCRP) is carryout through ‘Regional Ayurveda Research institute (RARI), Gwalior’.

As per the information received from the state of Madhya Pradesh, a project has been sanctioned under Janjatiya Karya Vibhag by Pandit Khushilal Sharma, Ayurved Collage Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, in tribal district Mandla, Dindori, Anooppur and Shadol.

- (b) to (d) Ministry of Ayush, has implemented 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.

Ministry of Ayush has taken initiative for

- (i) Global recognition of Ayurvedic medicines
- (ii) Ayush Export Promotion Council (AYUSHEXCIL), is a newly formed Export Promotion Council (set up by Ministry of Ayush and supported by Ministry of Commerce, Government of India), launched at Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on April 20, 2022). It is aimed to oversee exports of products of Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Unani systems and address trade issues pertaining to these sectors. It mandates to facilitate capacity building of its members on export procedures, organize Business to Business meetings, international events, road shows, seminars and workshops on the export of Ayush products, and to safeguard the scientific research in the field of Ayush healthcare. AYUSHEXCIL has conducted a workshop on “Attractive Packaging and Branding of various AYUSH/Traditional products to be Globally Competitive”. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has notified Ayush Export Promotion Council on 31st July, 2023.
- (iii) Ministry of Ayush has signed the Host Country Agreement with World Health Organization (WHO) for establishing WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in India at Jamnagar, Gujarat, with its interim office at the Institute of Training and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA) in Gujarat. The primary objective of GCTM is to harness the potential of traditional medicine from across the world through modern science and technology and improve overall health of the communities’ world over.
- (iv) For facilitating exports of Ayush products, Ministry of Ayush encourages following certifications of AYUSH products as per details below:-
 - Certification of Pharmaceutical Products (CoPP) as per WHO Guidelines for herbal products.
 - Quality Certifications Scheme implemented by the Quality Council of India (QCI) for grant of AYUSH Premium mark to Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani products on the basis of third party evaluation of quality in accordance with the status of compliance to international standards.

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 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.

Further, the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) under the Ministry of Ayush has signed 20 MoU / LoI with different countries / foreign University/Institutions to popularize Traditional Indian Medicine (Ayurveda) and for the establishment of Ayurveda academic chair outside the country. The details are in **Annexure-II**.

Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 and Rules thereunder encompass the provisions for prohibition of misleading advertisements and exaggerated claims of drugs and medicinal substances including Ayush medicines, which appear in the print and electronic media and Government has taken note thereof. State/UT Governments are empowered to enforce the provisions of Drugs & Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 and Rules there under.

There is no separate category of life saving drugs under Ayush system of medicines.

Annexure-I**List of Institutes of Tribal Health Care Research Programme under Tribal Sub Plan:**

S. No.	Institute Names	Name of State
1.	CARI, Bhubaneswar	Odisha
2.	CARI, Bangalore	Karnataka
3.	CARI, Guwahati	Assam
4.	RARI, Jaipur	Rajasthan
5.	RARI, Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh
6.	RARI, Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh
7.	RARI, Nagpur	Maharashtra
8.	RARI, Patna	Bihar
9.	RARI, Jammu	Jammu
10.	RARI, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
11.	RARI, Ahmedabad	Gujarat
12.	RARI, Port Blair	Andaman & Nicobar Island
13.	RARI, Gangtok	Sikkim
14.	RARC, Tripura	Tripura

Annexure -II**MoU's & LoI signed by CCRAS to popularise and mainstream Indian system of Medicine (Ayurveda) globally**

S. No.	Name of the Agreement / MoU / LoI	Purpose of Agreement / MoU / LoI	Country/ Foreign University / Institution	Date of Signing
01	Agreement on Co-operation in collaborative research in the field of Ayurveda and Siddha between CCRAS, Romanian Society of Medicine and Suraj Ayurveda Clinic and Research Centre Pune.	To execute research projects	Romania	25.02.2010
02	MoU between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India and the Institute for Social Medicine, Epidemiology and Health Economics, Charite University Medical Centre, Berlin Germany	To establish cooperation with the aim to perform research in Ayurveda	Germany	27.02.2010
03	Memorandum of Understanding between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences Ministry of AYUSH and University of West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago for the post of the "AYURVEDA CHAIR"	The establishment of ACADEMIC CHAIR in Ayurveda	Trinidad & Tobago	06.01.2012
04	Memorandum of Understanding between Central Council Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, The Government of the Republic of India and the University of Debrecen, Hungary on the establishment of the "ACADEMIC CHAIR" in Ayurveda	The establishment of ACADEMIC CHAIR in Ayurveda	Hungary	07.01.2014
05	Memorandum of Understanding between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of AYUSH, the	The establishment of ACADEMIC CHAIR in Ayurveda	Thailand	29.06.2015

	Government of the Republic of India and Rangsit University, Thailand on The Establishment of the “ ACADEMIC CHAIR ” in Ayurveda .			
06	MoU between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of AYUSH on behalf of all the research councils- Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS), Central Council for Research in Homeopathy (CCRH), Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN) and the University of Mississippi, USA, on behalf of National Center for Natural Products Research (NCNPR) for cooperation in the field of traditional medicine.	Cooperation in the field of Traditional Medicine	USA	12.10.2015
07	Memorandum of Understanding between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, Ministry of AYUSH, The Government of the Republic of India and Udayana University, Bali on The Establishment of an Academic Chair in Ayurveda	The establishment of ACADEMIC CHAIR in Ayurveda	Indonesia	04.11.2015
08	Agreement between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, Republic of India and Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia on Cooperation in the field of AYURVEDA	The establishment of ACADEMIC CHAIR in Ayurveda	Russia	24.12.2015
09	Memorandum of Understanding between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences Ministry of AYUSH the Government of the Republic of India and University of Primorska (Univerza na Primorskem Universita del Litorale), Slovenia on A Grant for the Visiting Professor for AYURVEDA.	The establishment of ACADEMIC CHAIR in Ayurveda	Slovenia	10.03.2016

10	Memorandum of Understanding between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of AYUSH, the Government of Republic of India and University of Latvia on The Establishment of an "Academic Chair" in Ayurveda	The establishment of ACADEMIC CHAIR in Ayurveda	Latvia	19.08.2016
11	Memorandum of Understanding between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Science, Ministry of AYUSH, the Government of the Republic of Indian and The Government of Instituto Universitario del Gran Rosario and The Government of Fundacion de Salud Ayurveda Prema on The Establishment of the an "ACADEMIC CHAIR" in Ayurveda	The establishment of ACADEMIC CHAIR in Ayurveda	Argentina	30.11.2016
12	Memorandum of Understanding between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of The Republic of India and The Medical Research Infrastructure and Health Services Fund of the Tel AVIV Sourasky Medical Center (TASMC) for Cooperation in Research and Development in the field of Ayurvedic Sciences	Cooperation in the field of Ayurveda	Israel	30.11.2016
13	Memorandum of Understanding between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Science, on Behalf of All Research Councils, Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy), Government of India located in New Delhi, ("CCRAS") and The Governors of the University of Alberta as Represented by the Integrative Health Institute Located in Edmonton, ALBERTA	General MoU on collaboration on various activities including Ayurveda Chair	Canada	05.12.2016
14	Memorandum of Understanding between Central Council Research	The establishment of ACADEMIC	Malaysia	01.04.2017

	in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of AYUSH, the Government of the Republic of India and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia, on The Establishment of an Academic Chair in Ayurveda.	CHAIR in Ayurveda		
15	Memorandum of Understanding between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, (CCRAS) Ministry of AYUSH Government of the Republic of India and University of Debrecen, Hungary (UD) on the Intention of Establishment of European Institute of Ayurvedic Sciences (EIAS)	Establishment of European Institute of Ayurvedic Sciences (EIAS)	Hungary	01.10.2017
16	Memorandum of Understanding between Central Council Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of AYUSH, the Government of the Republic of India and University of Mauritius, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, Mauritius, for Establishment of an Academic Chair in Ayurveda.	The establishment of ACADEMIC CHAIR in Ayurveda	Mauritius	12.03.2018
17	Memorandum of Understanding 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.	Research and Education in Ayurveda	Germany	03.04.2019
18	Letter of Intent between the 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. The LoI	For Cooperation in the field of Ayurveda and Cancer Research	USA	22.10.2020

	was announced during Third India-US Ministerial Dialogue held on 27.10.2020.			
19	MoU between CCRAS and PHFI for Ayush-WHO-PHFI collaborative project entitled Assessment of integration of AYUSH System into the public health system for combating COVID-19.	Assessment of integration of AYUSH system into the public health system for combating COVID-19.	WHO	01.4.2021
20	A MoU was signed between Central Council for Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) and Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon, Mexico.	To strengthen and further develop cooperation between the two institutions in the field of traditional systems of medicine and to set up an Academic Chair in Ayurveda. The chair will function under the school of medicine of the Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon, Mexico.	Mexico	19.04.2022