

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 307
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JULY, 2023**

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF SIDDHA MEDICINES IN TAMIL NADU

307 **SHRI T R BAALU:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a Central University of Siddha Medicines in Tamil Nadu in view of the States' long history and tradition of successfully practicing Siddha medicines and naturopathy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of special initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for research and development along with popularizing and promoting Siddha System of medicines?

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

(a) & (b): No such proposal is under consideration of this Ministry.

(c): The Ministry of Ayush has taken following special initiatives for research and development along with popularizing and promoting Siddha System of medicines.

The Ministry of Ayush has established **Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and National Institute of Siddha (NIS), Chennai** for research and development and to **promote Siddha system of medicine in the Country**. The Ministry of Ayush also operates various Central Sector Schemes like Information Education and Communication (IEC) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme like National AYUSH Mission (NAM).

Under Information Education and Communication (IEC) scheme, the Ministry supports events like National level fairs, State level fairs, seminar, conferences, workshops etc. for propagating Ayush including Siddha system of medicine and treatment. The scheme also provides for propagation through print and news media.

Under the National AYUSH Mission (NAM) scheme following provisions are provided to promote the AYUSH system of medicine including Siddha:-

- (i) AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres
- (ii) Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs)
- (iii) Upgradation of existing standalone Government AYUSH Hospitals

- (iv) Upgradation of existing Government/ Panchayat/ Government aided AYUSH Dispensaries/Construction of building for existing AYUSH Dispensary/ Construction of building to establish new AYUSH Dispensary
- (v) Setting up of up to 50 /30 /10 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospitals
- (vi) Supply of essential drugs to Government AYUSH Hospitals, Government Dispensaries and Government/Government aided Teaching Institutional AYUSH Hospitals
- (vii) AYUSH Public Health Programmes
- (viii) Behaviour Change Communication (BCC)
- (ix) Mobility support at State and District level
- (x) AYUSH Gram
- (xi) Infrastructural development of AYUSH Under-Graduate Educational Institutions.
- (xii) Infrastructural development of AYUSH Post-Graduate Educational Institutions/ add on PG/Pharmacy/ Para-Medical Courses.

The following activities have been carried out to strengthen / upgrade the existing institutes/units of CCRS to promote the Siddha system of medicine:-

- The research programme of CCRS mainly focuses on clinical research including safety and efficacy studies of Siddha drugs, validation of the fundamental principles, drug standardization and quality control, survey and cultivation of medicinal plants and literary research.
- CCRS has granted 75 Intra Mural Research projects and out of this 8 IMR projects have been completed and 17 projects which have been completed is awaiting PEMC clearance and 45 IMR projects are ongoing
- 54 books, 10 patents and 650 scientific research articles have been published.
- Siddha drugs like *Kabasura kudineer*, *Nilavembu Kudineer*, are being used in the prevention and treatment of COVID- 19. CCRS have undertaken various studies with the above-mentioned Siddha formulations and research papers have been published in reputed journals. *Nilavembu Kudineer* has proven effect in the prevention and management of Dengue and Chikungunya in epidemic out breaks.
- Apps and portals developed
 - a) THERAN software was developed and upscaled to AYUSH-Hospital Management Information System (AHMIS).
 - b) Validation of Siddha Udalliyal Inventory -YI for the Assessment of Body Constitution (ABC) - It forms the fundamental basis of diagnosing the diseases, the prognosis and in deciding the treatment modality. It will also provide lifestyle modification / recommendation based on the constitution.
 - c) SiddAR app - Siddha initiative for documentation of drug Adverse Reaction. SiddAR has been developed to document the observed and reported side effects of Siddha drugs which benefit the public.
 - d) Doorman is an Android Mobile Application for Misleading advertisements, Tall claim and magical remedy act management mobile application.

Other activities:

- In Arogya Melas / exhibition, IEC materials are being distributed related to various disease conditions and its management through Siddha system of medicine.
- CCRS has initiated many programmes for popularizing the Siddha system among the public through social media like facebook, twitter, you tube, print media in national newspapers, audio jingles and video documentary films.
- CCRS has been actively conducting various seminar / workshops / conference to disseminate the Siddha system of medicine for the benefit of the public.
