

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3902  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023**

**“SCOPE FOR MAIN STREAMING AYURVEDA RESEARCH IN TRAINING  
(SMART)”**

**3902. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch ‘Scope for Main Streaming Ayurveda Research in Training (SMART)’ - a professionals training programme to promote quality research and development in Ayurveda;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives and features of SMART;
- (c) the time by which the said programme is likely to be launched;
- (d) whether SMART is likely to help in transforming clinical research in Ayurveda to some extent in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a) to (c) Scope for mainstreaming Ayurveda research in teaching professionals (SMART) programme has been undertaken by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an Autonomous Body under Ministry of Ayush, to provide technical and financial support to promote robust clinical studies through mutual collaboration with Ayurveda academia. This has been launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2023. SMART programme is designed to enable research that has the potential to improve CCRAS’s understanding of the safety and efficacy of Ayurveda medicines, products and practices. Funding will be done by CCRAS, based on the scientific merit of each proposal received by the Council. SMART programme was conceived with the aim to boost scientific research in priority healthcare research area through Ayush Institutions and Hospitals. The objectives of SMART

programme are to undertake, aid, promote and coordinate research to promote and establish a theoretical and practical foundation for high quality research in Ayurveda academic sector through collaboration. The study will be executed as collaborative research, as per the CCRAS's research policy.

(d) & (e) SMART programme has already been initiated in 41 Ayurveda Institutions. Under this programme, multicenter clinical studies on six selected diseases are being implemented. This programme will develop a conducive ecosystem by enhancing the institutional research capacity and also research capacity building of human resources in future research and development.

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