

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AYUSH**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2180**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

**"Promotion of Ayurvedic System of Medicine"**  
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**+ 2180. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:**

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

- a) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government to promote Ayurvedic system of medicine and conduct research in AYUSH in the country particularly in areas rich in natural medicine;
- b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy to utilise the immense potential of Ayurvedic system of medicine and treatment available globally; and
- c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The Government of India has setup 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.

**Core Research Activities:**

- Clinical Research
- Medicinal Plant Research (Medico-ethnobotanical Survey, Pharmacognosy, and Cultivation)
- Drug Standardization
- Pharmacological Research
- Literary Research & Documentation Programme
- Public Health research-oriented activities
- Besides this, Healthcare services through Outpatient departments (OPD), inpatient departments (IPDs), and Special clinics for Geriatric Health care.

The Council is in active collaboration with institutes of national repute such as All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Delhi), (IIT Guwahati), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Defense Research Development Organization (DRDO), Jawahar Lal Nehru University (JNU), National Innovation Foundation, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISER) Pune, etc.

Further, to promote and spread information, knowledge and awareness of Ayurveda and Ayurvedic medicines, CCRAS is regularly participating in various Arogya Melas, Ayurveda day, Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and related activities etc. as per the directives of the Ministry of Ayush.

The Council is also creating awareness regarding Health, Hygiene, and Ayurveda based diet & lifestyle advocacy for maintenance of health & prevention of disease through research oriented public health care programmes viz. Ayurveda Mobile Health Care Programme under Schedule Caste Schedule Plan (AMHCP-SCSP) & Tribal Health Care Research programme (THCRP) programme.

(b) & (c) The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) under the Ministry of Ayush has signed 20 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) /Letter of Intent (LoI) with different countries / foreign University/Institutions for cooperation in the field of Traditional Medicine and to setup Ayurveda Academic Chairs.

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