

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-143
ANSWERED ON 02/02/2024**

Promotion of Traditional, Complementary and Integrated Medicines

143: SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:

Will the Minister of Ayush be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has entered into an agreement with the World Health Organisation (WHO) to advance traditional, complementary and integrative medicines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes,

(i) A Project Collaboration Agreement (PCA) signed between Ministry of Ayush, Government of India and The World Health Organization (WHO) in 2016 as an Umbrella MoU for cooperation on promoting the quality, safety and effectiveness of service provision in traditional and complementary medicine. Under this Agreement, WHO has developed and published four benchmarks documents pertaining to training and practice of Ayurveda & Unani System.

(ii) Ministry of Ayush, Government of India signed an agreement with The World Health Organization (WHO) in 2017 for the Development of WHO terminology in Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, and WHO publication on standard terminology in Ayurveda, Unani. Under this agreement, the terminology documents in Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha have been published.

(iii) The Ministry signed a Donor Agreement with The World Health Organization (WHO) in 2020 towards the implementation of developing a Second Module in the

Traditional Medicine (TM) Chapter of the International Classification of Diseases -11 Revision (ICD-11).

(iv) Ministry of Ayush signed an Agreement with The World Health Organization (WHO) in 2022 concerning the establishment of the WHO Global Centre for traditional Medicine in India (Jamnagar, Gujarat).

(v) Ministry of Ayush and World Health Organization (WHO) signed a Project Collaboration Agreement (PCA) in 2023 with the objective to promote the standardization, quality and safety of Traditional and Complementary Medicine (T & CM); their integration in National Health Systems and for developing national essential medicines list for T & CM system, training module on quality and safety of herbal medicines used in T & CM; to support the development of International Herbal Pharmacopeia with focus on South-East Asia region's traditional medicine; support the development of Traditional Medicine Global Strategy for 2025-2034 etc.
