

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3078
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2019**

PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL SYSTEM OF MEDICINE

3078. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to set up regulatory mechanisms, quality education and research infrastructure to promote traditional systems of medicine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to set up an entrance test on the lines of NEET for the induction of students in traditional medicine courses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) & (b): Central Government has already established regulatory mechanisms, quality education and research infrastructure to promote traditional systems of medicine as under:

- (i) The Central Government regulates the education of AYUSH systems in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and Homeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 and regulations made thereunder.
- (ii) National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) for all AYUSH Educational Institutions for admission for Undergraduate Course has been introduced.
- (iii) All India Post Graduate Entrance Test (AIPGET) for all AYUSH Educational Institutions for admission for Post graduate Courses has been introduced.
- (iv) AYUSH National Teachers Eligibility Test to be conducted for appointment of all teachers in AYUSH institutions and an unique verification code for such teachers shall be allotted by CCH/CCIM before their appointment, is being introduced.

(v) Central Research Councils for all AYUSH streams have been established by Ministry of AYUSH through which research on medicinal plant, Drug standardization, Pharmacological research, Clinical research, Literary research and their documentation are carried out.

(vi) Under the Information, Education and Communication Scheme, the Ministry take up initiatives for propagation and promotion of AYUSH systems of medicine by organizing Arogya fair/Melas, Conferences, Exhibitions, Seminars, Workshops, Symposium and also undertaking publicity through electronic multimedia, print media campaigning for awareness amongst the citizens all over the country.

(c) & (d): No, Central Government admits the students in traditional medicine courses (AYUSH UG courses) through common and uniform National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to the undergraduate medical courses in all medical institutions including those governed under any other law which is conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA).

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