

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4206  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN RHEUMATOLOGY**

**4206. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:**

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 Regional Research Institute (Homoeopathy), Dr. GGH Medical College Campus, Gudivada, Andhra Pradesh, has been chosen to develop as a Centre of Excellence in Rheumatology; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

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

(a): Yes, the Regional Research Institute (Homeopathy), Dr. GGH Medical College Campus, Gudivada, Andhra Pradesh, has been chosen to develop as a Centre of excellence in Rheumatology.

(b): In accordance with the recommendations of Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of CCRH, following infrastructural strengthening has been taken up for developing Regional Research Institute (Homoeopathy), RRI(H), Gudivada as Centre of Excellence:

1. IInd Floor construction has been completed and made functional.
2. Laboratory facilities are added like Fully Automated Bio-chemistry Analyzer, Ultrasonography, ECG, X-ray & Physiotherapy equipments.
3. The institute has initiated Rheumatologic specialty clinic, the foot-fall of patients related to Rheumatology are increasing gradually.
4. The institute has taken up various research studies related to Rheumatology e.g. on Osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid arthritis, post chikungunya arthritis, chronic non specific low back pain, cervical spondylosis.
5. Additional manpower requirements are identified and Council is in the process of submitting the same to Ministry of AYUSH for approval.
6. The Council proposes to develop the centre of excellence of Rheumatology at RRI, Gudivada by 2021.

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