

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4322
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2019**

AYUSH SCHEMES

4322. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

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

- (a) whether any scheme has been formulated with regard to making Naturopathy and Ayurveda accessible in the tribal dominated and backward districts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the scope of Naturopathy in Deoria and Balia districts of Uttar Pradesh and efforts made by the Government to materialize the scope;
- (d) whether any research centre or laboratory has been set up in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): There is no specific scheme formulated for tribal dominated areas in order to make Naturopathy and Ayurveda accessible.

However, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), New Delhi, an autonomous body under Ministry of AYUSH conducts Tribal Health Care Research Programme (THCRP) under Tribal Sub Plan and documents Local Health Traditions (LHT) and folk claims in the Tribal villages/ areas in the 15 States of Country. The Ministry of AYUSH strives to promote these systems and to create awareness among the people. For this purpose an Information Education and Communication (IEC) Scheme, has been devised by the Ministry, activities under which include steps to reach out to people and to create awareness about Naturopathy and Ayurveda. IEC activities include programs on TV, Radio, Print-media etc.

Also, Ministry of AYUSH through Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) provides grant-in-aid to State Government in accordance with their State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) for AYUSH Wellness Centres including Naturopathy and Ayurveda.

Further, to mark 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, 150 Naturopathy camps are being organised across the country from 2nd October, 2019 to 2nd October, 2020.

Since Public Health is a State subject, initiating various steps for awareness about Naturopathy and Ayurveda in their respective domains also fall under the purview of the respective State/ UT governments.

(c) to (e): No study has been conducted by the Ministry in this regard specifically in Deoria and Balia districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Also, there is no proposal presently with this Ministry to set up research centre or laboratory in Deoria and Balia.

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