

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.84
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2020
NATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN AYURVEDA SYSTEM**

***84. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:**

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

(a) whether the Government is planning to establish a national centre of excellence in Ayurveda system of medicine in Kerala considering its huge and centuries old presence in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria set to identify such centre?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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The Ministry of AYUSH has presently no plan to establish a National Center of Excellence (CoE) in Ayurveda System in Kerala. The National Ayurveda Institute for Panchakarma at Cheruthuruthy in Kerala under the aegis of Central Council for Research in Ayurveda Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous body under Ministry of AYUSH, has been established in 2017 by upgrading the earlier Regional Research Centre. Apart from the above institute, Ayurveda Research Institute for Mother and Child Health Care, Thiruvananthapuram is also functional under the aegis of CCRAS.

Further, under the Center Sector Scheme namely “Scheme for assistance to AYUSH organization engaged in AYUSH education/Drug development and research/ clinical Research etc. for up gradation to Center of Excellence (CoE)”, Ministry of AYUSH has supported six Ayurveda institutions working in Kerala, as detailed below:

S. No.	Name of the Grantee Institutions	Area of Specialization in Ayurveda	Grants released (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Sreedhareeyam Hospital, Kottakulam, Kerala (On-going)	Ophthalmology	490.00
2.	Government Panchakarma Hospital, Alappuzha, Kerala(On-going)	Panchakarma	400.00
3.	Vaidyarantnam P.S. Varier, Kottakal, Kerala (Completed)	Research in Medicinal Plants	500.00
4.	National Research Institute for Traditional Knowledge in Food and Medicine for Systematic Documentation of Traditional Knowledge related to plants used for Food & Medicine, Kerala Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram Kerala (On-going)	Research in Traditional Practices and food	152.00
5.	Oushadhi Research & Development Society, Thrissur, Kerala(Completed)	Drug Research	465.00
6.	Mooss Vaidyarantnam Ayurveda Foundation, Thrissur (Completed)	Clinical Research & Standardization	500.00
Total Grant-in-aid released			2507.00

The Ministry of AYUSH has been implementing the said Scheme since 2007 to support innovative proposals for establishment and up-gradation of both functions and facilities of reputed institutions to level of excellence with a view to promote international collaboration in clinical research.

The applications are received from reputed AYUSH organizations, Government/Non-Government-Non-Profit organizations for assistance to upgrade its functions and facilities to level of excellence. It is mandatory for getting the applications forwarded through the concerned State AYUSH Directorate and to have recognition from SIRO (Scientific and Industrial Research organization) or affiliation with the concerned University. The applicant organization should have a track record of at least five years of meritorious works in AYUSH sector.
