

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2729
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH MARCH, 2020**

USE OF AYURVEDA AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

**2729. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:
SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is taking any steps to encourage the use of Ayurveda at the international level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any steps to conclusively prove the benefits of Ayurveda;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether any form of foreign collaboration has been initiated or proposed to be initiated to increase the acceptability of Ayurveda on a global stage through research, testing, and/or information dissemination; and
- (f) 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) to (f): Under Central Sector Scheme for promotion of International Cooperation, (IC Scheme), the Ministry of AYUSH undertakes various measures to promote & propagate AYUSH systems of medicine across the globe; to encourage the use of Ayurveda at the international level; and to increase the acceptability of Ayurveda on a global stage through research, testing, and/or information dissemination.

Ministry of AYUSH deputed AYUSH experts to foreign countries to participate in international meetings, conferences, training programmes, seminars and on special assignment of the Government of India for promotion and propagation of AYUSH Systems. Financial assistance is also provided for presentation of AYUSH related scientific research papers in international conferences, workshops, seminar etc.

Incentives are provided to AYUSH drug manufacturers/ entrepreneurs/ AYUSH institutions, AYUSH drug and Hospitals etc. for (a) participating in International exhibitions/ conferences/ workshops/ seminars/ road shows/ trade fairs, etc. for generating awareness amongst the participating public about the AYUSH systems of medicine and; (b) registration of AYUSH products with regulatory authorities of the foreign countries USFDA/EMEA/UK-MHRA/ NHPD (Canada)/ TGA etc. There is a provision of financial support up to Rs. 1.00 Crores for strengthening of Health Centre(s)/ Institution(s) in the foreign host country.

Ministry of AYUSH through Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) offers 104 scholarships every year to the eligible foreign nationals from 98 countries for pursuing undergraduate (UG), postgraduate (PG) and Ph. D courses in premier Institutes in India.

As of now, Ministry of AYUSH has signed 23 Country to Country MoUs for Cooperation in field of Traditional Medicine and Homoeopathy namely Nepal, Bangladesh, Hungary, Trinidad & Tobago, Malaysia, WHO, Mauritius, Mongolia, Turkmenistan, Myanmar, Germany (Joint declaration), Iran, Sao Tome & Príncipe, Equatorial Guinea, Cuba, Colombia, Japan (MoC), Bolivia, Gambia, Republic of Guinea, China, St. Vincent & The Grenadines and Suriname. 22 MoUs have been signed for undertaking collaborative research in AYUSH systems of medicine with various foreign universities in Germany, United Kingdom, Canada, United States, Argentina, Israel, Brazil, Australia, Austria, Tajikistan and Ecuador to conclusively prove the benefits of Ayurveda. 13 MoUs for setting up AYUSH Academic Chairs have been signed with foreign institutes in Hungary, Trinidad & Tobago, South Africa, Thailand, Russia Indonesia Slovenia, Armenia, Latvia, Argentina., Malaysia, Bangladesh and Mauritius.

Ministry of AYUSH has set up 33 AYUSH Information Cell in 31 countries to disseminate authentic information about AYUSH systems of Medicine.

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