

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3413
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2020**

PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM

3413. SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote the use of Ayurvedic Naturopathy and Homoeopathic medicine by the masses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to popularize Indian System of Conventional Medicine through major public health systems?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information Education and Communication (IEC) in AYUSH to create awareness regarding AYUSH Systems of Medicine. This scheme provides for organizing National/State Arogya Fairs, Yoga Fests/Utsavs, Ayurveda Parvs and participating in seminars, exhibitions, workshops, conferences etc.

The Ministry observes important days viz. International Day of Yoga, Ayurveda Day, Homoeopathy Day, Unani Day and Siddha Day to create awareness among the public about the importance of AYUSH Systems of Medicine.

The Ministry also undertakes Multi Media IEC Campaigns for creating awareness about AYUSH Systems.

(c): The Ministry makes provision for the following:-

- (i) Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centers (PHCs), Community Health Centers (CHCs) and Districts Hospitals (DHs).
- (ii) Upgradation of exclusive State Government AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries.
- (iii) Supply of essential drugs to AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries
- (iv) Setting up of upto 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospital.

- (v) Upgradation of State Government Under-Graduate and post-Graduate Educational Institutions.
- (vi) Setting up of new AYUSH Educational Institutions in States where such institutions are not available in Government Sector.
- (vii) Strengthening of State Government/ State Government Co-operatives/ Public Sector Undertakings in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU&H) Pharmacies
- (viii) Strengthening of State Drug Testing Laboratories for ASU &H Drugs
- (ix) Support for cultivation of medicinal plants including processing and post-harvest management.

In addition to the above, Ministry through its Research Councils undertakes many Public Health Initiative programmes.

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