

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1018
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th SEPTEMBER, 2020**

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH BODIES

1018. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

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 International Health bodies are not accepting AYUSH system, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the efforts being undertaken to familiarise AYUSH practice system globally?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

(a): Many countries have recognized AYUSH systems of medicine. Ayurveda is recognized in Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri-Lanka, UAE, Colombia, Malaysia, Switzerland, South Africa, Cuba, Tanzania. Romania, Hungary, Latvia, Serbia and Slovenia are 5 countries of European Union (EU), where Ayurvedic treatment is regulated, however, profession is not regulated.

Unani system is recognized in Bangladesh and Siddha system is recognized in Sri Lanka.

(b): Under Central Sector Scheme for promotion of International Cooperation, (IC Scheme), the Ministry of AYUSH undertakes various measures to promote/ popularize and familiarise AYUSH systems of medicine across the globe.

As of now, Ministry of AYUSH has signed 23 Country to Country MoUs for Cooperation in field of Traditional Medicine and Homoeopathy. 23 MoUs for undertaking Collaborative Research / Academic collaboration and 13 MoUs for setting up AYUSH Academic Chairs have been signed with foreign Universities.

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. AYUSH Academic Chairs are set up in reputed foreign institutions.

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 under its Fellowship/ Scholarship Scheme, offers 104 scholarships every year to the eligible foreign nationals from 99 countries for pursuing undergraduate (UG), postgraduate (PG) and Ph. D courses in AYUSH systems in premier Institutes in India. The Scholarship Scheme of the Ministry is implemented through Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

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

A Joint research proposal on COVID through Ayurveda has been submitted by the Ministry of AYUSH with Brazil and South Africa under BRICS STI Framework Programme, Response to COVID-19 pandemic coordinated call for BRICS multilateral projects 2020.