

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1048
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th SEPTEMBER, 2020**

ANTIDOTES TO COVID-19

1048. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is formulating steps to find antidotes to COVID-19 in AYUSH, if so, the details thereof alongwith funds allocated in this regard;
- (b) whether the Government has issued an advisory advocating the use of Unani and Homoeopathy medicines for prevention and management of the disease and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the basis of this advisory; and
- (d) whether the Government has set up permanent AYUSH research labs to develop solutions to any future pandemic or epidemic and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a): No, however, Ministry has formed an Inter-disciplinary AYUSH R&D Task Force. The Task Force has formulated and designed clinical research protocols for prophylactic studies and add-on interventions in COVID-19 positive cases through review and consultative process of experts of high repute from different organizations across the country for studying three different interventions viz. Yashtimadhu, Guduchi + Pippali and a poly herbal formulation (AYUSH-64) as Adjunct Treatment to Standard of Care for the management of Mild to Moderate COVID-19 Patient

(b): Yes, Ministry had issued an advisory on 29.01.2020 on how to protect oneself from COVID and how to stay healthy. Ministry also written a letter dated 06.03.2020 to all Chief Secretaries of States/Union territories with more specific suggestions on augmentation of General Immunity of people and about possible AYUSH intervention. Guidelines for Registered Practitioners of respective system of AYUSH have been prepared by Director Generals of Research Councils and Directors of National Institutes with their team of experts and same is vetted by the Interdisciplinary AYUSH Research and Development Task Force of Ministry of AYUSH and after obtaining approval of Cabinet Secretariat, these vetted guidelines are made available in public domain for the benefit of more than 700000 registered AYUSH practitioners to help in the management of COVID 19 pandemic uniformly.

(c): Based on potential & strength of AYUSH systems supported by evidences for promotion of immunity and help in improving the respiratory symptoms in similar diseases and as per the recommendations from the research councils under Ministry of AYUSH system wise advisories has been formulated. Further, Guidelines for Registered Practitioners of respective system of AYUSH have been prepared by Director Generals of Research Councils and Directors of National Institutes with their team of experts and same is vetted by the Interdisciplinary AYUSH Research and Development Task Force of Ministry of AYUSH.

(d): No.