

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2135
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2020**

AYUSH TREATMENT FOR COVID-19

**2135. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:**

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

(a) whether any concrete measures/medicines of AYUSH have helped in finding cure for COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any steps were taken by the Government for the well-being of public during the COVID-19 crisis and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any guidelines were issued to general public about use of Ayurvedic/Unani/Homoeopathic systems as precautionary steps to fight COVID-19, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any research was conducted by the Government to find cure using Ayurvedic/Unani/Homoeopathic treatment for COVID-19, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Ministry of AYUSH has issued an advisory on 29.01.2020 on how to protect oneself from COVID and how to stay healthy. Ministry has 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. Ministry has also issued self-care guidelines on 31.03.2020 for preventive health measures and boosting immunity with special reference to respiratory health.

(b): Ministry has sent a D.O. letter dated 16.03.2020 to Ministry of Health & Family welfare offering for integrating and utilizing huge AYUSH infrastructure to combat with the COVID19 pandemic and also to Principals of all Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU&H) colleges (approximately 727 colleges) on 23.03.2020 for offering their services to local health authorities for utilization of the available facilities by them as per the situation arises.

Ministry of AYUSH in collaboration with M/o Health & Family has organized Training of Trainers for COVID-19 Preparedness, Response and Containment.

(c): 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. 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.

Ministry of AYUSH issued Gazette notification dated 21.04.2020 for undertaking research on COVID-19 through Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathy including prophylactic measures, intervention during the quarantine, asymptomatic and symptomatic cases of COVID-19. Public Health Research, Survey, Lab Based Research etc are done to generate evidence.

(d): Ministry of AYUSH has formed an Inter-disciplinary AYUSH R&D Task Force. The Task Force has formulated and designed clinical research protocols for 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). These studies are at various stages.