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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2184 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2020

DRUG FOR BREAST CANCER

2184. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

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

(a) whether AIIMS has successfully tested a coded ayurvedic drug for improving quality of life of breast cancer patients and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the said drug is effective in curing the disease and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a): Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) in collaboration with All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi has conducted a clinical research study for evaluating Quality of Life with a coded Ayurvedic formulation named as 'AYUSH QOL-2C' in patients of local non-metastatic Breast Cancer treated with Adjuvant Chemotherapy/Radiotherapy and correlating it with Molecular Marker. It was a prospective double blind randomized placebo controlled pilot study with enrolment of 60 patients, which revealed a trend towards better local control and survival in the Ayush QOL- 2 C group and the drug was safe and well tolerated.

(b): No such effectiveness of AYUSH QOL-2C was observed in the study.