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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2197 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2020

AYUSH MEDICINE FOR COVID-19

2197. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any research project pertaining to medicines for COVID-19 in AYUSH;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Ayurvedic medication is effective in treatment of COVID-19; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Yes. The Central Council of Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (**CCRAS**), an autonomous body under the aegis of Ministry of AYUSH, has taken initiatives to address the COVID 19 pandemic problem in the country through clinical studies (prophylactic, standard and add-on interventions) of Ayurveda systems, and is studying the impact of AYUSH based prophylactic interventions in high risk population, and impact of AYUSH advocacies & AYUSH measures, for prevention of COVID 19 amongst population.