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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1947 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH February, 2021

NATIONAL LEVEL YOGA WEBINAR EVENT

1947. SHRI A. RAJA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that large number of non- Hindi speaking South Indian participants, especially doctors from Tamil Nadu had demanded the use of English language in National level Yoga webinar conducted in Hindi in August 2020, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government had refused to conduct separate English medium yoga programme for South Indian delegates/participants, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the non-Hindi speaking Tamil/South Indian participants were asked to leave the National level Webinar event as a result, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (d): A National level virtual training on Yoga was organized by the Ministry of AYUSH from 20th to 22nd August 2020 for the Master Trainers from all the States/UTs. During the training program, both Hindi and English languages were used for convenience and understanding of the participants belonging to different States/UTs and all the power point presentations and training materials was in English. In spite of that, few participants were continuously demanding for the use of English language, and they were asked not to disturb the smooth running of the program. The event continued in bilingual format and was concluded successfully as per schedule.