

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3949
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH March, 2021**

AGREEMENT WITH WHO

**3949. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has signed any agreement with WHO to collaborate in the field of traditional medicine;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the targets fixed and quantum of funds likely to be utilized;
- (c) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Ministry for the conservation of medicinal plants, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps under AYUSH to attend to the general public during the COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof?

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 RIJJU)**

- (a) & (b) Yes. The details of the agreement signed with WHO to collaborate in the field of traditional medicine along with the details of funds for each are at Annexure - I
- (c) Yes, the National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of AYUSH is implementing Central Sector Scheme on “Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” throughout the Country. Under the scheme, the project based support is provided for following activities:
- In-situ conservation / Ex-situ conservation
 - Support to Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) / Panchayats / Van Panchayats / Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) / Self Help Groups (SHGs).
 - Research & Development.

- IEC activities like Training / workshops / Seminars/ Conferences etc.
- Herbal Garden
- Promotion, marketing and trade of medicinal plants produce.

(d) Ministry of AYUSH has undertaken various steps to attend to the general public during the COVID-19 pandemic which are as follows:

- An advisory was issued by the Ministry of AYUSH on 29.01.2020 containing measures to improve immunity; to protect oneself from COVID and to stay healthy. An official communication dated 06.03.2020 was sent 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 regarding preventive health measures and boosting immunity with special reference to respiratory health.
- Guidelines for Registered Practitioners of respective system of AYUSH have been prepared by Research Councils and National Institutes with their team of experts and same is vetted by the Interdisciplinary AYUSH Research and Development Task Force of Ministry of AYUSH. The guidelines are made available in public domain for the benefit of more than 700,000 registered AYUSH practitioners to help in the management of COVID-19 pandemic uniformly.
- The Ministry of AYUSH has released “National Clinical Management Protocol based on Ayurveda and Yoga for management of COVID-19” prepared by National Task Force which in consensus from expert committees from All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Delhi; Institute of Training and Research in Ayurved (ITRA), Jamnagar and National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN) and other national research organizations as per the Report & Recommendations of the Interdisciplinary Committee.
- The Ministry of AYUSH launched a three-month campaign on “AYUSH for Immunity”, through webinar and published bulletins on AYUSH for Immunity.
- The Ministry of AYUSH developed a mobile application “AYUSH *Sanjivani*” and documented the impact assessment of effectiveness, acceptance and usage of AYUSH advisories & measures in the prevention of COVID-19 through mobile application based population study.
- Considering the importance of immunity boosting measures in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak, Ministry of AYUSH has promoted use of AYUSH formulation i.e. ‘*Ayush Kwath*’ in the interest of health promotion to the masses.
- The “Telemedicine Practice Guidelines” have been released by the Ministry for practitioners of AYUSH systems of medicine to combat the current need in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak by providing rapid access to medical practitioners.
- AYURAKSHA kits were distributed to nearly 80,000 police personnel for over a period of 2 months as an immunity boosting measure for maintaining the health of frontline COVID warriors.
- Ministry of AYUSH through its Research Councils and institutes has undertaken 120 research studies, both prophylactic as well as interventional at over 140 locations across the country.

- “AYU SAMVAD” (My Health My Responsibility) is one of the largest public awareness campaign program on AYURVEDA and COVID 19 PANDEMIC is initiated by All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi.
- NIA has been providing Immunity Boosting Kits prepared in NIA Pharmacy for maintaining health of front line Corona Warriors which includes *Chyawanaprash Avaleha*, Immunity Boosting Decoctions (*AYUSH Kwatha*, *Gojihwadi Kwatha*), Immunity Boosting Capsules, *Guduchi Ghan Vati*, AYUSH-64 etc. Training have been provided to Hospital Staff and Students to fight against Covid-19
- Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) has carried out Prophylactic distribution of Homoeopathy medicine to front-line workers (Maharashtra Police) and to inmates in Delhi prisons as immune booster. Population based data collection of mass post prophylaxis program across various states through homoeopathic medical colleges and research centres of CCRH.
- Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga has been conducting online Yoga Therapy classes during COVID-19 pandemic from May,2020,wherein about 126 online classes were conducted.30 Yoga instructors have also been deputed to impart Yoga to the COVID patients/ high risk groups/ quarantine centres under Directorate of AYUSH, Delhi from 15th July 2020, wherein around 14,673 COVID positive patients as well as high people have been benefitted.

ANNEXURE- I

S. No.	Agreement details	Date of Signing	Total Budget of Agreement	Amount Paid / Utilized
1.	A Project Collaboration Agreement (PCA) with WHO was signed under WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023 as an Umbrella MoU for cooperation on promoting the quality, safety and effectiveness of service provision in traditional and complementary medicine.	13.05.2016	USD 9,77,040	USD 6,87,040/-
2.	An agreement under the above mentioned umbrella MoU (PCA) system was signed with WHO on Cooperation on integration of traditional and complementary medicine into health care. . The areas of Collaboration are - Development of WHO terminology in Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, and WHO publication on standard terminology in Ayurveda, Unani, and Siddha. Under the agreement, a comprehensive document on Ayurvedic Terminologies with National Ayurveda Morbidity Codes has been developed through a consultative process of experts.	27.12.2017	USD 8,88,510	USD 7,08,510
3.	An agreement for the Secondment (P-4 Level) to the WHO Headquarters, Geneva was signed. Ministry deputed an expert at WHO Headquarters initially for two years, which was renewed in 2020 for further two years till January, 2022.	18.07. 2017	USD 12,16,389	USD 12,16,389
4.	A Donor Agreement was signed for “m-Yoga, an mHealth Programme for Yoga to develop android based application on m-Yoga to demonstrate Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) and for global use for correct practices of yoga under Be He@lthy, Be Mobile initiative of the WHO and the International	10.07.2019	USD 115,200	USD 45,200

	Telecommunication Union (ITU).			
5.	A Donor Agreement was signed with WHO towards implementation of developing a Second Module in the Traditional Medicine (TM) Chapter of the International Classification of Diseases -11 Revision (ICD-11)	11.02.2020	USD 3,500,000	USD 20,00,000
6.	Letter of Exchange (LoE) was signed with WHO SEARO for secondment/ deputation/appointment of an AYUSH expert to WHO's regional traditional medicine programme in New Delhi, India.	15.02.2021	US Dollar 102,796	
7.	A Technical Services Agreement (TSA) was signed for conducting the AYUSH Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) research Project/study entitled "Assessment of integration of AYUSH into the public health system for combating COVID-19".	15.02.2021	INR 6,004,830.00 (to be released from WHO)	25 % of the said amount has been released to this Ministry