

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3317
ANSWERED ON 17/12/2021

EXPORT/IMPORT OF AYURVEDIC MEDICINES

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Will the **MINISTER OF AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- a) the number of ayurvedic medicines exported from the country and imported to the country during 2020 and 2021;
- (b) whether the Government has aligned its regulatory efforts with the standards of importing countries in order to provide assurance of safety and quality of Ayurvedic medicines and increase/expand the international market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government in co-operation with the Department of Commerce and Industry has proposed to set up a council for growth and export of AYUSH products and services across the globe; and
- (e) if so, the significant details and aims of the Council?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) Import and Export of AYUSH and Herbal products during 2020-21 and 2021-22 (Apr-Sept) as provided by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India is as under:

YEAR	2020-21	2021-22 (Apr-Sep)
TRADE	QTY (KG)	QTY (Kg)
Import	76349616	24964677
Export	120558428	66073301

(b) and (c) In context to International regulatory requirements, Ministry of AYUSH encourages following certifications of AYUSH products as per details below:-

- (i) Certification of Pharmaceutical Products (CoPP) as per WHO Guidelines for herbal products.
- (ii) Quality Certifications Scheme implemented by the Quality Council of India (QCI) for grant of AYUSH Premium mark to Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani products on the basis of third party evaluation of quality in accordance with the status of compliance to international standards

(d) & (e) Ministry of Ayush, Government of India with the consultation of Department of Commerce has registered for Ayush Export Promotion Council (AEPC) to promote export of AYUSH products/ medicines as well as AYUSH services.

The Council will promote the growth of exports of Ayush Products and Services, facilitate the capacity building of its members on export procedures, organize B to B meetings organize International Events, Road shows, Seminars and workshops on export of Ayush Products.
