

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
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INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION FOR AYUSH MEDICINES

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Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to promote international collaborations and investments for the manufacturing and export of Ayurveda, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) medicines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The Ministry has developed a Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of International Co-operation in AYUSH (IC Scheme) under which Ministry of Ayush provides support to Indian Ayush Manufacturers/ Ayush Service providers to give boost to export of AYUSH products & services; facilitate International promotion, development and recognition of AYUSH system of medicine; foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of AYUSH at international level; promote academics and research through establishment of AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign countries and holding training workshop/symposiums for promoting and strengthening awareness and interest about AYUSH Systems of Medicine at international level.

Ministry of Ayush has taken following steps towards the promotion international collaborations and investments for the manufacturing and export of AYUSH medicines:

- Ministry has signed 25 Country to Country MoUs for Cooperation in field of Traditional Medicine and Homoeopathy with foreign nations.
- 32 MoUs have been signed with international institutes for undertaking Collaborative Research / Academic collaboration.
- 14 MoUs have been signed with international institutes for setting up of AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign nations.

- Ministry of Ayush has provided support for establishment of 38 Ayush Information Cells in 34 foreign nations.
- The “AYUSH Export Promotion Council” has been registered under section 8(4) of the Companies Act 2013 on 04.01.2022. The Council would function as a Single Window System for all export and import related issues and will also facilitate the capacity building of its members on export and import procedures. Its formation will facilitate boost in the growth of exports of Ayush Products harmonization and standardization of regulatory practices, undertaking market studies and research activities abroad.
- Ministry of Ayush under its International Fellowship/Scholarship Programme offers scholarships to foreign nationals for undertaking AYUSH courses in recognized AYUSH institutions in India.
- MoUs have been signed with London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSH&TM), UK and Frankfurter Innovationszentrum Biotechnologie GmbH (FIZ), Frankfurt Germany for clinical research studies on mitigation of Covid-19 through Ayurveda.
- Ministry of Ayush issued advisories to improve general immunity of people & to protecting them from COVID and staying healthy. The advisories were issued in 08 foreign languages in addition to English.
- Ministry of Ayush provides Training to regulators of foreign nations to generate awareness about the AYUSH systems.
- Ministry of Ayush in cooperation with QCI has got developed Quality Certification programme viz. Ayush mark and Premium mark to increase reliability of standards of ASU&H Products.
- Ministry of Commerce through the MAI scheme supported AYUSH industry to participate in prominent trade fairs, business delegations and also to reimburse the natural product certifications.
- WHO-GMP (COPP) has been given to 31 Ayurvedic Drug manufacturers to facilitate the export of Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani & Homoeopathy Drugs.
- Ministry of Ayush and WHO has signed an agreement to establish WHO-GCTM in Jamnagar, Gujarat which aims to support to implement WHO’s traditional medicine strategy (2014-23) and to support nations in developing policies & action plans to strengthen the role of traditional medicine as part of their journey to universal health coverage.
- Ministry of Ayush has decided to organize a three-day mega event 'Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit' from 20 to 22 April 2022 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The summit is to be inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. This summit would provide a platform for the global investors from different countries working in the different fields of Health care sector.

(c) Does not arise.
