

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 188
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2022**

INSTITUTE FOR SIDDHA

***188. SHRI PARTHIBAN
S.R.: SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to constitute a separate Department for Siddha medicine under the Ayush Ministry, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government for setting up new institutes for Siddha across the country;
- (c) whether the Government plans to start the already proposed Siddha college(s) in the country including Chennai, Salem district of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for popularization of Siddha medicine across the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)**

(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) No, Sir. There is no proposal to constitute a separate Department for Siddha medicine in the Ministry. However, for the development of Siddha system of Medicine, the Ministry of Ayush has established Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS), an apex body pertaining to research in Siddha Medicine and National Institute of Siddha (NIS), an autonomous body imparting Post-Graduate education in Siddha Medicine.

(b) The Ministry of Ayush has set up NIS in Chennai, Tamil Nadu and CCRS Head Quarter in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The CCRS has following 8 peripheral Institutes / Units across the country;

1. Siddha Central Research Institute, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
2. Siddha Regional Research Institute, Puducherry.
3. Siddha Regional Research Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
4. Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Govt. Siddha Medical College Campus, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu.
5. Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital Campus, New Delhi.
6. Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Sri Jayachamarejendra Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital Campus Bengaluru, Karnataka.
7. Siddha Medicinal Plants Garden, Mettur Dam, Tamil Nadu.
8. Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS) Campus Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

In addition to the above, the following Co-located Siddha units of CCRS are functioning across country:

- i. AYUSH Wellness Clinic, Rashtrapathi Bhawan, New Delhi
- ii. All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi,
- iii. National Institute of Epidemiology - ICMR unit, Chennai, Tamil Nadu and
- iv. Pondicherry University, Kalapet, Puducherry.

Besides, the Ministry of Ayush has accorded approval to establish a Siddha Clinical Research Unit in Goa.

(c) Any University, trust or any other body except Central Government may apply for establishing a new medical institution, under section 29 of National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Act, 2020 to the Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Indian System of Medicine, which will be examined by them as per extant rules and regulations and permission is granted or denied accordingly. The list of existing Siddha Medical Colleges/Institutions is given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the College	State
1	Santhigiri Siddha Medical College, PO Koliyacode, Thiruvananthapuram – 695 607	Kerala
2	Government Siddha Medical College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.	Tamil Nadu
3	National Institute of Siddha, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.	Tamil Nadu
4	Government Siddha Medical College, Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli – 627 002, Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu
5	R.V.S. Siddha Medical College, Sulur, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.	Tamil Nadu
6	Sri Sai Ram Siddha Medical College and Research Centre, Sai Leo Nagar, Poonthandalam, West Tambaram, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kanchipuram Distt Chennai, Tamil Nadu.	Tamil Nadu
7	JSA Medical College Research Centre Pali, N.H-45, Ulundurpettaluk, Villupuram, Tamil Nadu.	Tamil Nadu
8	Sivaraj Siddha Medical College and Research Centre, SiddharKovil Main Road, Thumbathulipatty, Salem, Tamil Nadu.	Tamil Nadu
9	ATSVS Siddha Medical College and Hospital, Pudukkadai, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu.	Tamil Nadu
10	Velumailu Siddha Medical College, Sriperambudur, Tamil Nadu.	Tamil Nadu
11	Maria Siddha Medical College, Thottavarram Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu.	Tamil Nadu
12	Excel Siddha Medical College and Research Centre Pallakkapalayam, Komarapalayam, Namakkal Distt - 637303, Tamil Nadu.	Tamil Nadu
13	Sri Nandha Educational Trust, Erode Nandha Siddha Medical College & Hospital Erode, Tamil Nadu.	Tamil Nadu

Besides, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely National AYUSH Mission (NAM) financial assistance are being provide to State Government for establishment of New AYUSH Colleges in the States where availability of AYUSH teaching institution is inadequate in Government Sector including Siddha.

(d)The following steps have been taken by Ministry for popularization of Siddha medicine across the country.

The Ministry of Ayush has established **Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and National Institute of Siddha (NIS), Chennai to popularize Siddha system of medicine in the Country.** The Ministry of Ayush also operates various Central Sector Schemes and Centrally Sponsored Scheme like National AYUSH Mission (NAM) and Information Education and Communication (IEC).

Under Information Education and Communication (IEC) scheme, the Ministry supports events like National level fairs, State level fairs, seminar, conferences, workshops etc. for propagating Ayush including Siddha system of medicine and treatment. The scheme also provides for propagation through print and news media.

Under the National AYUSH Mission (NAM) scheme following provisions are provided to popularize the AYUSH system of medicine including Siddha:-

- (i) AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres
- (ii) Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs)
- (iii) Upgradation of existing standalone Government AYUSH Hospitals
- (iv) Upgradation of existing Government/ Panchayat/Government aided AYUSH Dispensaries/Construction of building for existing AYUSH Dispensary/Construction of building to establish new AYUSH Dispensary
- (v) Setting up of up to 50 /30 /10 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospitals
- (vi) Supply of essential drugs to Government AYUSH Hospitals, Government Dispensaries and Government/Government aided Teaching Institutional AYUSH Hospitals
- (vii) AYUSH Public Health Programmes
- (viii) Behaviour Change Communication (BCC)
- (ix) Mobility support at State and District level
- (x) AYUSH Gram
- (xi) Establishment of New AYUSH Colleges in the States where availability of AYUSH teaching institution is inadequate in Government Sector including Siddha.
- (xii) Infrastructural development of AYUSH Under-Graduate Educational Institutions.
- (xiii) Infrastructural development of AYUSH Post-Graduate Educational Institutions/ add on PG/Pharmacy/ Para-Medical Courses.

The following activities have been carried out to strengthen / upgrade the existing institutes/units of CCRS and NIS and to popularize the Siddha system of medicine: -

- i. Siddha Medicinal Plants Gardens are maintained in various units of Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and National Institute of Siddha (NIS).
- ii. **Regional Raw Drug Repositories (RRDR's)**, a project under Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants supported by National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) is being carried out at SCRI, Chennai.

- iii. Cancer OPD has also been initiated in Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital Campus, New Delhi.
- iv. CCRS has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with premier medical institutions like Government Institute of Medical Sciences(GIMS), Noida, All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi, National Institution of Nutrition – ICMR, Chennai for carrying out collaborative studies. In addition, a MoU has been made with Accelerating Growth of New India Innovation (AGNII) for the commercialization of R&D technologies and products developed by CCRS.
- v. The guidelines issued by Ministry of Ayush have aided the Siddha practitioners for adopting preventive measures of COVID and in the management of asymptomatic, symptomatic COVID patients. **Government of Tamil Nadu have launched special programme named AAROGYAM with guidelines for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19 through Siddha system of Medicine.**
- vi. **Nationwide Distribution of Kabasura Kudineer:** CCRS and NIS through its peripheral Institutes/units has carried out the project entitled “Documentation of efficacy of selected Ayush Interventions AYUSH-64 and Kabasura Kudineer in asymptomatic, mild to moderate Covid-19 patients in home isolation through Ayush Sanjivani mobile app: A prospective multicenter Community based study”. With the support of Seva Bharathi workers mass distribution of Kabasura kudineer chooranam was carried out in the COVID-19 affected areas. Total sample size covered was 30,000. Kabsura kudineer has proven significant effect in the management and prevention of COVID -19.
- vii. **Nationwide Distribution of Amukkura Chooranam Tablets:** NIS and CCRS through its peripheral institutes distribution of Amukkura Chooranam tablets was carried out related to Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav activities.
- viii. An Integrated Siddha cancer OPD is successfully functioning at All India Institute of Ayurveda campus aiding the Palliative care of cancer patients through Siddha system.
- ix. AYUSH-Hospital Management Information System (AHMIS) has been implemented in the peripheral institutes/units of CCRS and NIS.
- x. **Activities under WHO Collaboration:**

The following activities on Siddha System of Medicine have been initiated under the agreement of WHO with Ministry of Ayush:

- a. Inclusion of Siddha Morbidity Codes in 2nd Module of Traditional Medicine Chapter of ICD-11.
- b. Siddha Terminology document.
- c. Bench marks for practice in Siddha and Bench marks for practice in Varmam.

xi. **Mobile applications and Portal:**

a. Validation of Siddha Udal Iyal Inventory -YI for the Assessment of Body Constitution (ABC) - It forms the fundamental basis of diagnosing the diseases, the prognosis and in deciding the treatment modality. It will also provide lifestyle modification / recommendation based on the constitution.

b. **SiddAR app**- Siddha initiative for documentation of drug Adverse Reaction has been developed to document the observed and reported side effects of Siddha drugs which benefit the public.

c. **NAMASTE PORTAL**-National AYUSH Morbidity and Standardized Terminologies Electronic (NAMASTE) Portal gives information about the standard terminology used in Siddha System of Medicine. Honourable Prime Minister had launched the NAMASTE Portal on 17th Oct., 2017.

d. Doorman is an Android Mobile Application for Misleading advertisements, Tall claim and magical remedy Act management mobile application.

xii. **Siddha Day:** Siddha day is being observed on the birth star of Siddhar Agasthiyar, the father of Siddha medicine, to bring about awareness and popularize Siddha system of medicine amongst the public. The Fifth Siddha Day was celebrated on 23rd December, 2021 by CCRS, NIS & Government of Tamil Nadu at Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam, Chennai.

xiii. **COVID-19 related Researches may be seen at web link given below;**

<https://www.ayush.gov.in/docs/Published%20Articles%20and%20Preprints.pdf>
