

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2162
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022**

TASK FORCE TO OVERSEE AYUSH RESEARCH

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up a task force to oversee Ayush research across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

- (a) to (c) The Ministry of Ayush has established five autonomous Research Councils for dedicated research in their respective AYUSH Systems i.e. Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha and Yoga & Naturopathy. The research activities by the Councils are undertaken through peripheral institutes/ centres/ units all over India and also through collaborative studies with various universities, hospitals and institutes. The following Research Councils are established under the Ministry of Ayush.
- i. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)
 - ii. Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH)
 - iii. Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM)
 - iv. Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS)
 - v. Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN)

However, the Ministry of Ayush has set up an Interdisciplinary AYUSH Research and Development Task Force to formulate and develop strategies to address the COVID-19 pandemic problem in the country through clinical studies (prophylactic and add-on interventions) of AYUSH systems.

The task force includes representation from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and AYUSH Institutions. In addition, the Ministry of Ayush had constituted Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) for monitoring of clinical trials and population based prophylactic studies of AYUSH interventions related to COVID-19.
