

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2285
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/07/2022**

“WHO GLOBAL CENTRE FOR TRADITIONAL MEDICINE”

**2285. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:
SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:**

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

(a) whether the Government has approved the establishment of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Centre for traditional Medicine;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has constituted a body for monitoring the activities in establishing this centre; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the list of themember(s)?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Ayush and the WHO signed a Host Country Agreement on 25.03.2022 for the establishment of the first WHO's Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in India. The WHO-GCTM Centre is to be set up in Jamnagar (Gujarat). The Ground-breaking ceremony of the main office of WHO GCTM has been carried out by the Hon'ble PM and DG WHO in Jamnagar, Gujarat on 19th April, 2022. The Centre aims to support member states in developing policies & action plans to strengthen the role of traditional medicines as part of their journey to universal health coverage.

(c) & (d) The Ministry of AYUSH and WHO have jointly constituted a task force of officers and experts of the Ministry of AYUSH, Permanent Mission of India (Geneva) and officials of WHO for coordination and monitoring of activities for setting up of this Centre in a time-bound manner. The following officers are the Members of the Joint Task Force:

I. Officials representing Government of India:

- i. Shri P.K. Pathak, Special Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH;
- ii. Prof. Dr. Tanuja Nesari, Director, All India Institute of Ayurveda, Delhi;

- iii. Prof. Bhushan Patwardhan, National Research Professor, Ayush;
- iv. Ms. Garima Paul, First Secretary to PMI, Geneva
- v. Dr. Rajeshwari Singh, Research Officer (Ay.), Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of Ayush.

II. Officials representing WHO-HQ, Geneva:

- i. Dr. Shyama Kuruvilla, Senior Strategic Adviser, Universal Health Coverage and Life Course, WHO HQ
- ii. Dr. John Reeder, Director Research for Health, and Director Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR), WHO HQ
- iii. Dr. Qi Zhang, Unit Head - Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine, WHO HQ
- iv. Dr. Egle Granziera, Senior Legal Officer - International, Constitutional and Global Health Law, WHO HQ
- v. Dr. Manoj Jhalani, Director - Department of Health Systems Development, WHO South East Asia, Regional Office.