

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1933
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2024

Integration of Homeopathy

1933. Shri S. Jagathratchakan:

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

- (a) whether the Government recognizing the vital role of homeopathy in healthcare proposes to integrate it into mainstream medicine and foster collaboration among practitioners, researchers and policymakers to unleash its full potential and ensure its universal accessibility;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the initiatives that are proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken necessary steps to ensure that the country emerges as a leader in Homeopathic research, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a), (b), (c) and (d);

- Yes, Homoeopathy is a recognized system of medicine under the Ministry of Ayush. The education and practice of Homoeopathy is being regulated through the National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH) and the research through the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH). Ministry of Ayush has also established National Institutes namely, National Institute of Homoeopathy (NIH), at Kolkata and its satellite institute at Narela, Delhi, North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Homoeopathy (NEIAH), Shillong, Meghalaya, and Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) for standardization of Homoeopathic drugs.
- NCH Act was enacted to ensure a medical education system that improves access to quality and affordable medical education, ensures availability of adequate and high-quality Homoeopathy medical professionals in all parts of the country. This Act has provision to promote equitable and universal healthcare that encourages community health perspective and makes services of such medical professionals accessible and

affordable to all the citizens; that promotes national health goals; that encourages such medical professionals to adopt latest medical research in their work and to contribute to research; that has an objective periodic and transparent assessment of medical institutions and facilitates maintenance of a medical register of Homoeopathy System of Medicine for India and enforces high ethical standards in all aspects of medical services; that is flexible to adapt to the changing needs and has an effective grievance redressal mechanism and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. There are separate autonomous boards constituted under the Commission namely, Homoeopathy Education Board for education policy related matters; Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Homoeopathy for Assessment and Rating of Medical Institutions of Homoeopathy; Board of Ethics and Registration for Homoeopathy to address the issues related to Ethics and Registration of the Homoeopathy practitioners. NCH Act provides for having a joint sitting of the Commission namely with the National Medical Commission, National Commission for Indian System of Medicine and National Commission for Homoeopathy to enhance the interface between Homoeopathy, Indian System of Medicine and modern system of medicine so as to promote medical pluralism.

- Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) is an apex body for scientific research in Homoeopathy under the Ministry of Ayush. CCRH undertakes research activities such as Clinical Research, Drug Proving, Drug Verification, Drug validation, Drug Standardization, Public Health Research, Fundamental Research and Epidemic research either in intramural mode or in collaboration with different Universities/ institutes of repute. CCRH is participating in National/ State level Arogya Melas/ Health camps/ exhibition to promote and popularize Homoeopathy among general masses. As a part of IEC program, CCRH has developed information and education material which are distributed free of cost to the general public through Exhibitions / Health Melas / Seminars/ celebration of World Homoeopathy Day/ social media, such as facebook pages, twitter account, etc. Further, Council has undertaken Public Health Initiative programmes i.e. Integration of NPCDCS programme for Homoeopathy, Homoeopathy for Healthy teething under Homoeopathy for healthy child programme; Swasthya Rakshan Programme; Schedule Caste Component plan (SC Component plan) Health camps; Participating in poshanmah aabhiyan through its centres; Participating in the activities related to Azadika Amrit Mahotsav. CCRH is also undertaking research in collaboration and cooperation in the field of integration medicine.
- National Institute of Homoeopathy (NIH), Kolkata is an Autonomous Organisation under the Ministry of Ayush to foster excellence in Homoeopathic Medical Education and Research, to educate and train undergraduate, post graduate students and research scholars of Homoeopathy in accordance with highest professional standards and ethical values. Recently, a satellite campus of National Institute of Homoeopathy at Narela, Delhi was inaugurated and dedicated to the Nation on 11.12.2022 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. This satellite institute at Narela, Delhi has been

established to cater the need of the population of the region and with a view to have collaborative research with international and national level institutes.

- North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Homoeopathy (NEIAH), Shillong, Meghalaya is an autonomous institute established under the Ministry of Ayush, to provide health care to the people of North Eastern Region and Sikkim under Ayurveda and Homoeopathy systems of medicine; moreover, to promote and popularize Ayurveda and Homoeopathy and to create awareness among the general masses regarding the importance, effectiveness and potentials of Ayurveda and Homoeopathy, the expansion of health care facilities, improvement in the doctor-population ratio and Research and Development on bio-resources in the North East region.
- Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) is a subordinate office under Ministry of Ayush, Government of India for Development of Pharmacopoeias and Formularies as well as acting as Central Drug Testing cum Appellate Laboratory for Indian systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy. Pharmacopoeia standards for Homoeopathic drugs are established through publication of Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia of India (HPI) by PCIM&H on behalf of Ministry of Ayush.
- National Ayush Mission is Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Ministry of Ayush for providing better access to Ayush services by increasing in number of Ayush Hospital and Dispensaries, upgradation of Ayush hospitals/dispensaries, operationalization of Ayush Health and Wellness Centres to provide comprehensive primary healthcare at grassroots level with focus on Ayush systems of medicine, mainstreaming of Ayush through co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) & District Hospital(DHs), ensure availability of Ayush drugs and trained manpower and Ayush Public Health programmes and enabling the choice to the patients for different systems of medicine including Homoeopathy under a single window. The engagement of Ayush doctors/paramedics and their training is being supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under National Health Mission (NHM), while the support for Ayush infrastructure, equipment/furniture and medicines is being provided by the Ministry of Ayush under National Ayush Mission as shared responsibilities.
