

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2020

TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd AUGUST 2024

"National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage"

2020. Shri Chavda Vinod Lakhamshi:
Shri Vijay Baghel:
Shri Janardan Mishra:

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

- (a) whether the National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIMH), Hyderabad has been designated as the first WHO Collaborating Centre for Fundamental and Literary Research in Traditional Medicine and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the benefits of such a field for traditional system of medicine in the country;
- (c) whether many supernatural medicines are available in the forests of Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has issued any guidelines for opening such collaborating centres or its branches in other States as well;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) whether the Government has any plan for future in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

- (a) The National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH), Hyderabad has been designated as WHO Collaborating Centre for Fundamental and Literary Research in Traditional Medicine (WHO-CC IND-177) for four years, starting from June 3, 2024, with the following Terms of Reference:
 - i. At WHO's request and in collaboration with WHO, support WHO's work with Member States in the area of Research Methodology for Traditional Medicine.
 - ii. At WHO's request and in collaboration with WHO, support WHO's work in preparing and updating technical product: Standardization of Terminologies

- (b) The benefits of this include:
 - i. Development of guidelines and manuals for evidence-based research in traditional medicine.
 - ii. Standardization of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani terminologies for collection, reporting and analysis of data on traditional medicine.
 - iii. Providing technical advice to the World Health Organization regarding research and development in Fundamental and Literary Research in Traditional Medicine as and when required.
- (c) No such information is available with Ministry of Ayush.
- (d) & (e) So far, no such guidelines have been issued by Ministry of Ayush.
- (f) Establishing of a Collaborative Centre comes under the purview of World Health Organization (WHO).
