

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2252  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025  
AYUSH Oncology Centre

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is supporting clinical and collaborative research on the use of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani medicines as adjunct therapies for cancer patients in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such ongoing or proposed projects in Southern India, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish an Integrated AYUSH Oncology Centre at Tirupati to promote evidence-based traditional treatment options for chronic and lifestyle-related diseases; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes
- (b) The details of such ongoing or proposed projects in Southern India are annexed.
- (c) There is no such proposal. However, Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Tirupati under Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) provides evidence-based Siddha treatment for chronic and lifestyle related diseases.
- (d) Does not arise.

| Ayush<br>System of<br>medicine | Projects   |
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| Ayurveda                       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A triparty Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered between All India Institute of Ayurveda, Goa (An autonomous Institute under Ministry of Ayush), The Directorate of Health Services (Government of Goa) and Advanced Centre for Treatment Research and Education in Cancer (Tata Memorial Centre) on 10<sup>th</sup> Ayurveda Day – 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2025 at All India Institute of Ayurveda, Goa for collaborative arrangement at various levels including treatment, research and education, and their deployment for integrative cancer care.</li> <li>2. A joint initiative under Ayush-Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) collaboration has been taken by Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences to establish Ayush-ICMR Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research (AI-ACIHR) in Cancer Care at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Nagpur. Under this, two projects on cancer care titled <i>“Exploring Ayurvedic Combinations and Natural Compounds in Treatment of Oral Premalignant lesions and Oral Cancer and Integration with Modern Medicine: A Pilot Study”</i> and <i>“Efficacy of classical Ayurvedic treatment (CAT) as add-on to conventional biomedicine: Integrated approach to determine improvement in quality of life of head-neck cancer (HNC) patients”</i> have been taken up.</li> <li>3. Under Centre of Excellence (CoE) component of Ayurswasthya Yojana following 02 projects are supported for integrative cancer care combining modern medicine with evidence-based Ayush therapies for improving patient outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Arya Vaidya Sala, Kottakkal Project titled <i>"Setting up CoE in Cancer Research Arya Vaidya Sala, Kottakkal, Kerala"</i></li> <li>b) Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai project titled <i>"Centre of Excellence for Discovery and Development of AYUSH Medicine for Cancer Care"</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Under Research &amp; Innovation in Ayush of Ayurgyan Scheme, financial assistance is provided to the National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, Odisha for the study titled- <i>“Gomutra Ark as a potent anti-cancer agent for the treatment of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma - Molecular Mechanism</i></li> </ol> |

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|               | <p><i>underlying its anti-cancer effect”.</i></p> <p>5. Captain Srinivasa Murthy Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Chennai has undertaken the study on “<i>Anti cancer activity of Chaulmoogra Oil and Shwetha Sarshapa churna in the treatment of epidermal carcinoma of skin in experimental mice</i>”.</p>  |
| <b>Siddha</b> | <p>1. A Siddha Integrated Cancer Care Centre has been set up at National Institute of Siddha, Chennai. The Institute has signed an MoU with the Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar, Chennai, through which various patient-oriented and collaborative Research activities are carried out.</p> <p>2. An Integrated Siddha Cancer Care OPD is functioning at Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences Campus, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.</p> <p>The center provides Siddha medicines as adjunct therapies for cancer patients and facilitates improvising the quality of life.</p> <p>3. CCRS has constituted a core committee for Cancer Research that will be spearheading all preclinical and clinical initiatives related to Cancer research through Siddha system of medicine.</p> |
| <b>Unani</b>  | <p>National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bengaluru has conducted 03 in house studies on cancer-</p> <p>a. <i>On the effect of Aftimoon on Dimethylbenz[a]anthracene induced mammary carcinoma in rats.</i></p> <p>b. <i>On the effect of Dhamasa on benzene induced Acute Myeloid Leukemia in rats.</i></p> <p>c. <i>On the effect of Majoon Musaffi Khoon on Acute Myeloid Leukemia.</i></p>   |

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