

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
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National Policy for Promotion of AYUSH

1271. Dr. K Sudhakar:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop a national policy to promote AYUSH hospitals as research and innovation hubs across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of consultations held with States and Union Territories on such a policy and the steps taken to include traditional knowledge systems in this policy;
- (c) whether guidelines are likely to be formulated to integrate AYUSH research with mainstream healthcare systems and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of funding allocations proposed for strengthening AYUSH research infrastructure under the national policy;
- (e) whether the Government is taking any measures to facilitate collaborations with premier research institutions and international partners in this regard; and
- (f) the details of timelines for drafting, finalising and implementing this national policy?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
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(a) and (b) The Government has published the National Health Policy (NHP), 2017, which recognizes the need to nurture Ayush system of medicine, through development of infrastructural facilities of teaching institutions, improving quality control of drugs, capacity building of institutions and professionals. In addition, it recognizes the need for building research and public health skills for preventive and promotive healthcare. The policy further

supports the integration of Ayush systems at the level of knowledge systems, by validating processes of health care promotion and cure.

Ministry of Ayush implements a Central Sector Scheme namely Ayurgyan Scheme with the aim to support Research & Innovation in Ayush through Extra Mural Research activities and Education by providing academic activities, training, capacity building etc.

The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), under the Ministry of Ayush, has established the AIIA- Incubation Centre for Ayurveda Innovation and Entrepreneurship (AIIA-iCAINE) to nucleate a cluster of new age ventures and to promote entrepreneurship leveraging the academic knowledge.

(c) and (d) The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has published an addendum to the ICMR National Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical and Health Research Involving Human Participants (2017) to provide a structured ethical framework for Research in Integrative Medicine (RIM). This initiative marks a significant milestone in strengthening the scientific foundation of Ayush-based integrative healthcare by ensuring ethical rigour and regulatory compliance in research that explores the integration of traditional and modern medical practices. Funding support for Ayush research infrastructure has been provided through the National Institutes and Research Councils under the Ministry of Ayush, as well as under various existing schemes of the Ministry.

(e) Research Councils under Ministry of Ayush namely Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) Central Council of Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) and Central Council of Research in Siddha (CCRS) have been actively contributing to the integration of Ayush systems with the modern system of medicine through a range of research initiatives. The Research Councils conducts research through both Intramural and Collaborative modes. Collaborative clinical trials are undertaken in partnership with premier institutions across India, including various All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Science (NIMHANS), Institute of Liver and Biliary Science (ILBS), Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer (ACTREC)-Mumbai, and several Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), fostering interdisciplinary research and integrative healthcare approaches.

The Government is facilitating collaborations with international partners through a Central Sector Scheme for the Promotion of International Co-operation in Ayush (IC Scheme) under which the Ministry of Ayush provides support to Indian Ayush drug Manufacturers/ Ayush Service providers to give boost to the export of Ayush products & services; facilitates the International promotion, development and recognition of Ayush system of medicine; foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of Ayush at international level; promote academics and research through the establishment of Ayush Academic Chairs in foreign countries and holding training workshop/symposiums for promoting and strengthening awareness and interest about Ayush Systems of Medicine at international level. Ministry of Ayush through IC Scheme also sponsors Ayush research & development/ teaching and other collaborations with reputed institutions/ universities in foreign countries; International agencies and United Nation bodies like World Health Organization (WHO).

(f) In view of the above the question does not arise.
