

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2101
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2015**

RECOGNITION OF YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, COURSES

2101. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT:

Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is absence of regulatory framework in distinction between Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yoga Sciences (BNYS) degree and other diploma and certificate courses resulting in problems for BNYS degree holders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government to regulate naturopathy and yoga courses and give due recognition to such courses?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) & (b): There is no regulatory frame-work at Central level in the matters relating to education and practice of Yoga and Naturopathy. However, some States have a provision for registration of Yoga and Naturopathy practitioners. Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yoga Sciences (BNYS) is a combined Naturopathy and Yoga 5½ years Degree course. Many Institutions under different Universities are conducting three years Degree Course in Yoga, two years Master Degree Course in Yoga and also Ph. D programmes, besides, diploma/ certificate courses of various durations. Those, who have studied (BNYS) degree from a recognized University, are eligible to be registered as doctors in Naturopathy and Yoga Sciences. Those, who have studied any degree/ diploma such as B.A/ B.Sc./ M.A./ M.Sc., Diploma/ Certificate courses in Yoga normally work as Yoga Teacher/ Instructor/ Therapist, but they are not registered as Yoga doctors.

(c): A Task Force was constituted in April, 2015 by the Ministry to deliberate and make recommendations on various important issues concerning the Ministry of AYUSH, including the preferred option for promotion, development and regulation of yoga & naturopathy for education and practice. The task force has since submitted its report.

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