

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3397  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2015**

**ACUPUNCTURE PRACTICE**

**3397. DR. RAVINDRA BABU:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote the treatment of diseases through Acupuncture practice in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of professionals who have been trained in Acupuncture system in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the number of hospitals/medical centres which are equipped with the facility of treatment of diseases through Acupuncture in the country, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a)&(b): Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani Siddha and Homeopathy has informed that Acupuncture practice is not a recognized system of medicine under AYUSH.

(c)& (d): In view of (a) & (b) above, no such data is maintained centrally.