

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2498
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH MARCH, 2016**

PACT BETWEEN AYUSH AND WHO

**2498. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:**

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

- (a) whether the department of AYUSH has entered into an agreement with World Health Organisation in the field of traditional medicines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including likely expenditure to be incurred and the funding pattern agreed upon for the said collaboration;
- (c) the extent by which the said collaboration is likely to promote acceptability of traditional Indian medicines internationally and the time-frame of its implementation; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for overall promotion of AYUSH system of medicines both domestically and internationally?

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

(a) to (c): The Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 17.02.2016 approved the signing of Agreement with the World Health Organisation (WHO). The Agreement, however, is yet to be signed. As per the Cabinet approval, as a first step in the long term collaboration, India would assign to WHO activities for development of the following WHO Technical

documents/publications which will help in better international/domestic acceptability of Indian Systems of Medicine:

- i) Benchmarks for training in Yoga
- ii) Benchmarks for practice in Ayurveda
- iii) Benchmarks for practice in Unani Medicine
- iv) Benchmarks for practice in Panchakarma

As per the approval of the Cabinet, the estimated expenditure to be incurred amounts to US \$977,040. The outgo will be in four instalments. First to be paid within two months after the agreement is signed (US\$ 123,170); second by the end of July 2016 (US \$ 210,180); third by the end of July 2017 (US \$ 151,420) and the fourth by the end of July 2018 (USD \$ 202,270). The balance amount of US \$ 290,000 would be spent in India.

(d): The Ministry has taken various steps to promote AYUSH systems domestically and Internationally as per details indicated below.

The Ministry has signed a number of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)/Letters of Intent (LoIs) for country to country Cooperation/Collaborative Research in the field of Traditional Medicine and MoUs for setting up of AYUSH Academic Chairs. For dissemination of authentic information about AYUSH medicines, 16 AYUSH Information Cells have been set up in the premises of Indian Missions/Cultural Centres. The Ministry of AYUSH participates/organises International exhibitions/ conferences /workshops/seminars/ symposiums, etc in India and abroad through Indian missions/ CII/FICCI/ ITPO/ASSOCHAM/Pharmexcil etc. The Ministry of AYUSH also organizes comprehensive exhibitions on Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy namely AROGYA to promote awareness and showcase developments in these systems through the reputed Organizations like Chemexcil, Pharmexcil, CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM, ICC, ITPO etc and other reputed NGOs and the State Governments. To encourage the citizens to adopt AYUSH systems of medicine across the country, the Ministry also undertakes publicity campaigns and other promotional activities through print/electronic media.

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