

### **Ayurvedic Dispensaries**

5399. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the various departments of Union Government under whom Ayurvedic dispensaries are functioning;

(b) whether employees of Railways and Post and Telegraph Departments have also been provided the facility of ayurvedic dispensaries;

(c) whether the bills for ayurvedic medicines purchased by the employees of these organisations are being reimbursed to them; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROURAY): (a) Ayurvedic dispensaries are functioning under the following Departments/Ministries of Government of India:

1. Department of Health
2. Ministry of Railway
3. Ministry of Labour

(b) In the Railways, Ayurvedic Dispensaries do not form part of regular health scheme as in the case of Allopathic dispensaries. Only part-time Ayurvedic dispensaries are functioning under the aegis of the staff benefit fund (SBF) purely as a measure of staff welfare of that Ministry.

No separate Ayurvedic dispensaries are functioning under the Postal Department. However, the Medical Officers under that Department prescribe some Ayurvedic medicines/cordials/expectorants etc. which have been included in that P&T formulary.

(c) and (d). The Ayurvedic medicines prescribed by the Physician/Medical Officers of dispensaries under Central Government health Scheme/Ministry of Railways/Ministry of Communications are supplied free of cost to the beneficiaries from the dispensaries. As such, the question of submission of bills and the reimbursement does not arise. In places, where no Central Government Health Scheme is operating, cost of Ayurvedic Medicines admissible under CS (MA) Rules, 1944, purchased from approved agencies, is reimbursable to the Central Government Employees.

[English]

### **Education Material on Indian System of Medicine**

5400. SHRIP.R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the central health education bureau has brought out any education materials promoting the use of Indian System of Medicine; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROURAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Health Education Bureau is producing two monthly journals, viz. Swasth Hind (English) and Arogya Sandesh (Hindi). These journals publish special numbers on various aspects of health and health education including Indigenous Systems of Medicine. Besides, articles on various Indian Systems of Medicine are brought out from time to time in its regular issues. The Bureau has also published books entitled Yogic Therapy both in English and Hindi.