

Siddha System of Medicine

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

(a) the percentage of allocation of funds for research in Siddha System of medicine as compared to other systems in the Sixth Plan; and

(b) the reasons for not opening new Research Projects or Post Graduates Centre for Siddha System of Medicine in spite of the fact that new schemes have been taken up for Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) The allocation of funds for research in Siddha and other system would be finalised only after the outlay for the Sixth Five Year Plan has been approved. However, care will be taken to provide adequate funds for the proper development of research in all the Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy.

(b) The following institutes/projects have been established by the Central Council for Research in Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy for the development of Siddha system:

1. Central Research Institute (Siddha), Madras.

2. Drug Standardisation Research Unit (Siddha) at Captain Srinivasamurti Research Institute, Madras

3. Literary Research Unit (Siddha), Palayamcottai.

4. Survey of Medicinal Plants Unit at Government College of Indian Medicine, Palayamcottai.

5. Literary Research Unit (Siddha) TMSSM Library, Thanjavur.

6. Clinical Research Unit (Siddha) at A. A. Government Hospital for Indian Medicine, Madras.

The research projects are set up to meet the necessary requirements of the Siddha system after taking into account the availability of trained man-power and funds. It has been experienced that due to paucity of trained man-power in Siddha system, the Council inspite of advertisements could not fill up the posts of Director, Asst. Director and Research Officer for its Research Institute/Centres. In order to meet the dearth of trained man-power in Siddha system, the Government of India sanctioned the upgradation of two departments for post-graduate training and research in Siddha at the Government College of Indian System of Medicine, Palayamkottai, during 1972-73. This is the only college in the country for education in the Siddha system. It would thus be observed that the Government of India have been providing the maximum possible facilities for the development of the Siddha system in the fields of research and post-graduate education.

Siddha System CGHS Dispensaries/Hospitals

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

(a) the number of CGHS Dispensaries/Hospitals started for Siddha system of medicine and the location thereof; and

(b) if no such Dispensary has been started so far the reasons for not starting the same?