

**Siddha System of Medicine**

**8726. Shri C. Chittybabu:** Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is rare and valuable literature in Siddha system of medicine in palm leaves written by Siddhas in Tamilnad; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to collect and publish them?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health and Family Planning (Shri B. S. Murthy):** (a) Yes.

(b) Government is giving grant-in-aid to the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji Saraswathi Mahal Library, Thanjavur, for running a Literary Research Unit. The function of this unit is to collect, edit, translate and publish available manuscripts.

**Establishment of Herbarium in Tamilnad**

**8727. Shri C. Chittybabu:** Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that rare and valuable herbs are found in South India which are not grown in any other part of India; and

(b) whether Government propose to establish a herbarium in Tamilnad to propagate such herbs?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health and Family Planning (Shri B. S. Murthy):** (a) Yes.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to establish a herbarium in Tamilnad.

**Indian System of Medicine**

**8728. Shri C. Chittybabu:** Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) names of the various Councils, Committees and sub-Committees for the Indian System of Medicine; and

(b) the number of persons in the Siddha systems of medicine in such Councils and Committees?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health and Family Planning (Shri B. S. Murthy):** (a) and (b). A statement containing the requisite information is placed on the Table of the Sabha. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-1418/67).

**Research Scheme for Ayurveda and Siddha**

**8729. Shri C. Chittybabu:** Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the staff sanctioned for the research scheme in Saraswathi Mahal Library at Tanjore for Ayurveda and Siddha;

(b) the language in which books are being printed by the research staff; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the research scheme formulated in consultation with the Central Government by the Madras State and sent to the Central Government is pending indefinitely without sanction?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health and Family Planning (Shri B. S. Murthy):** (a) The following staff was sanctioned for the Literary Research Unit at the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjavur:

Sl. No.	Designation	No. of posts
1	Senior Research Officer . . . . .	one
2	Research Officers . . . . .	three
3	Calligraphers/Technical Assistants (Senior)	five
4	Junior Technical Assistant . . . . .	one
5	Assistant Librarian . . . . .	one
6	Shorthand typist . . . . .	one
7	Typists . . . . .	three
8	Photographer . . . . .	one
9	Dark Room Assistant . . . . .	one
10	Library Attendants . . . . .	two