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MINISTRY OF AYUSH

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CENTRAL SIDDHA AUSHADHI UNIVERSITY IN BIHAR

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Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Central Siddha Aushadhi University in Bihar to facilitate the people in the bordering flood prone areas especially in Supaul, Madhepura and Darbhanga Parliamentary constituencies for the treatment of cancer, heart disease and other serious illnesses as they have to go to Delhi, Mumbai etc. for the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of special initiatives taken/proposed to be taken to popularize the Siddha system of medicines along with research and development of medicines in the country, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(a) & (b): No such proposal is under consideration of this Ministry.

(c): The following steps have been taken by Ministry to popularize the Siddha system of medicines along with research and development of medicines in the country

(i). The Ministry of Ayush has established Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and National Institute of Siddha (NIS), Chennai to popularize & promote the Siddha system and to promote research and development in Siddha system of medicine in the Country.

(ii). The Ministry of Ayush implements the central sector scheme for Promotion of information, Education and Communication (IEC) in Ayush to create awareness regarding Ayush Systems of Medicine including Siddha System of Medicine. This aims to reach out to all sections of the population across the country including the State Bihar. Under this IEC scheme, the Ministry supports events like National level fairs, State level fairs, seminar, conferences, workshops etc. for propagating Ayush including Siddha system of medicine and treatment. The scheme also provides for propagation through print and news media. Grants are released to CCRS & NIS under the 'observation of important days' component of IEC Scheme for the celebration of National Siddha Day every year since 2018, with the aim of promoting Siddha System of Medicine to the global reach.

(iii). Ministry of Ayush is also implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for development and promotion of Ayush systems including Siddha and providing financial assistance to them as per the proposals received in their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per NAM guidelines. The mission inter-alia makes provision for the following: -

1) Operationalization of Ayush Health & Wellness Centres by upgrading existing Ayush dispensaries including Siddha and Health Sub-centres

2) Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs) including Siddha

3) Supply of essential drugs to Government Ayush Hospitals, Government Dispensaries and Government/ Government aided Teaching Institutional Ayush Hospitals including Siddha

4) Upgradation of existing standalone Government Ayush Hospitals including Siddha

5) Upgradation of existing Government/ Panchayat/ Government aided Ayush Dispensaries/Construction of building for existing Ayush Dispensary (Rented/ dilapidated accommodation)/ Construction of building to establish new Ayush Dispensary including Siddha

6) Setting up of upto 10/30/50 bedded integrated Ayush Hospitals including Siddha

7) Ayush Public Health Program

8) Establishment of new Ayush colleges including Siddha in the States where availability of Ayush teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector

9) Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate Institutions including Siddha

10) Infrastructural development of Ayush Post-Graduate Institutions/add on PG/ Pharmacy/Para-Medical Courses including Siddha

11) State/UT Government may avail the financial assistance by submitting their suitable State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per the provision of National Ayush Mission (NAM) guidelines.

(iv). Following initiatives are being taken by CCRS to popularize and promote Siddha System of medicines along with research and development of medicines:-

1) CCRS is an apex body for conducting research in Siddha system of medicine and provides health care facilities for various diseases through its 9 peripheral institutes / units of CCRS in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, New Delhi, Puducherry and Goa.

2) Specialized treatments are being provided to the public through Non communicable Disease OPD, Geriatric OPD, Reproductive and Child health care OPD, Varmam, Thokkanam Bone setting Yogam OPD, Varmam and Thokkanam.

3) CCRS has been actively conducting various seminars / workshops / conferences to disseminate the Siddha system of medicine for the beneficial of the general public.

4) Health awareness campaigns related to various diseases are being conducted at all institutes / units for the benefit of the public.

5) In Arogya Melas / exhibition, IEC materials are being distributed related to various disease conditions and its management through Siddha system of medicine.

6) CCRS has initiated many programs for popularizing Siddha medicine among the general public through print media in national newspaper's, audio jingle's, video documentary film's and utilizing the Social Media platform's (You tube, Twitter and Facebook) to reach the common man.

7) The research program of CCRS mainly focuses on clinical research including safety and efficacy studies of Siddha drugs, validation of the fundamental principles, drug standardization and quality control, survey and cultivation of medicinal plants and literary research.

8) CCRS have initiated pre-clinical and clinical studies with the support of Ministry of Ayush to assess the utility and effectiveness of Siddha formulation in improving immunity and aiding in the management & treatment of COVID -19 and published research articles in the indexed journals.

9) Central Council for Research in Siddha has granted 75 IMR projects and out of this 8 IMR projects have been completed in all the aspects. 17 projects are awaiting PEMC clearance and 50 IMR projects are in progress.

10) 10 Patents, 54 books and 720 scientific research articles have been published by CCRS.

11) Apps and portals developed by CCRS are mentioned below:

    i.   THERAN software was developed and upscaled to AYUSH-Hospital Management Information System. (AHMIS)

    ii.   Validation of Siddha UdalIyal Inventory -YI for the Assessment of Body Constitution (ABC) - It forms the fundamental basis of diagnosing the diseases, the prognosis and in deciding the treatment modality. It will also provide lifestyle modification / recommendation based on the constitution.

    iii.   Siddar app - Siddha initiative for documentation of drug Adverse Reaction. SiddAR has been developed to document the observed and reported side effects of Siddha drugs which benefit the public.

    iv.   Doorman - Android Mobile Application for Misleading advertisements, Tall claim and magical remedy act management mobile application.

(v).   NIS is promoting Siddha System of medicine by conducting UG course, PG course and Ph.D course in Siddha and also by providing treatment in Siddha System of medicine to the patients reporting to the attached hospital. The Institute also participates in various programmes like Arogya Fair etc., to promote Siddha system of medicine. The Institute also harnesses the social media and virtual media for effective propagation of Siddha System of medicine. NIS has created awareness about Siddha System of medicine to the people outside Tamil Nadu. The Institute also conducts many programmes like Siddha Day celebration, CMEs, Workshops, Seminars, and Conferences to create more awareness about Siddha System of medicine.

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