

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government have started work on proposed comprehensive health policy for making primary medical facility available to each and every citizen at the end of the year 2000-2001;
- (b) if so, the weightage given in it to Ayurveda, Yoga, Sidhi and Homoeopathy; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) The Draft National Health Policy was discussed at the Sixth Conference of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare, the apex advisory body, held from 8-10th April, 1999 at New Delhi. The Council suggested a more in depth examination of the strategies for strengthening of public health infrastructure at the State level, human resource development including medical education, inter-sectoral coordination and interface between the Indian System of Medicine and modern medicine etc. Accordingly, the Draft National Health Policy is being appropriately redrafted in order to incorporate the various suggestions.