

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

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AYURVEDIC CURE FOR AIDS

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

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned `Ayurvedic cure for AIDS` appearing in the Hindu dated January 25, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to encourage Indian system of medicines for treatment of AIDS and Cancer?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): It has been claimed that some AIDS patients have been cured by Ayurvedic treatment. The Central Council of Research in Ayurveda and Siddha, New Delhi has advised the claimant to provide details of studies, achievements, number of patients treated, laboratory investigations carried out, medicines used and their composition to ascertain whether the claims have some basis.

(c): Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha (CCRAS) has a proposal to carry out clinical studies on AIDS with Ayurvedic and Siddha drugs. Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) has already under taken a pilot study to ascertain the effect of homoeopathic medicines in the clinical management of HIV/AIDS. There is a scheme for providing assistance for conducting extra-mural research by institutions including the area of HIV/AIDS and Cancer. Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has extended financial support to see the `Effect of Metal based Ayurvedic Formulations on Acute Promycocytic Leukaemia (APML)`. The Council is further processing another project to develop and standardize the same drug. Assistance had also been provided for conducting `Primary Study of Cancer in Ayurvedic Perspective` to a medical college in Pune. All India Institute of Medical Sciences has also been provided assistance for studying `Effect of Breathing techniques and Meditation on normal individual and those with cancer in remission`.