

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:617  
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SEMINAR ON INDIAN SYSTEM OF MEDICINE  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether CII and Department of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy have co-hosted a seminar on `Challenges for Indian System of Medicine & Homoeopathy` at New Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, the steps suggested at the seminar to encourage the Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government have decided to set up a Medicinal Plant Board to promote the trade of aforesaid medicines; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The steps suggested include setting up of Medicinal Plants Board, involvement of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy in primary health care, introduction of basic principles and concepts of ISM&H in curricula of MBBS, standardisation of drugs and quality control. The Industry agreed to start ISM&H dispensaries, grow medicinal plants and introduce Yoga in their establishments.
- (c) The Government have welcomed the suggestions.
- (d) & (e) The Government have proposed to set up a Medicinal Plants Board to co-ordinate all matters relating to medicinal plants including conservation, cultivation, marketing, research and export.