

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4691
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2002
AYURVEDA SYSTEM OF TREATMENT
P. RAJENDRAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ayurveda System of treatment is recognized by the World Health Organisation, but it is not adopted in the Railway hospitals;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for adoption of Ayurveda System of treatment in Railway hospitals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4691 BY SHRI RAJENDRAN TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2002 REGARDING AYURVEDA SYSTEM OF TREATMENT.

(a) to (c): Ayurveda is a time tested Indian system of medicine and has been in vogue for a long time in the country. It has been recognized by World Health Organisation. However, Ayurveda has not been adopted in the Railway Hospitals.

Medical Services in Indian Railways have been developed in the last 150 years and sustained, based on the specific requirements of Railway Organisation. Some important thrust areas being, Medical fitness certification of a large industrial work force spread across the country which in turn is based on the modern diagnostic and therapeutic criteria, emergency medical care services to meet the needs of Railway beneficiaries, health prevention and promotion based modern medical system etc. Ayurveda will not meet these specific needs. There is no intention to develop parallel medical services in Ayurveda as civilian infrastructure is already existing. Several such Ayurveda facilities are already existing in adequate numbers. As on date, there is no proposal before the Ministry for adoption of Ayurveda system of treatment in Railway hospitals.