

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

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RESEARCH WORK ON HERBAL MEDICINE IN WESTERN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether domestic industry engaged in Herbal Medicine awaits the decision of the World Health Organisation in regard to medicinal products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Western countries are conducting extensive research work on the herbs found in India; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) There is no such requirement.

(c) & (d) According to the Indian Council of Medical Research and the Central Councils for Research in Ayurveda & Siddhãand Unani Medicine, developed countries are conducting extensive research work on herbs found in India whereafter they are included in the pharmacopoeias of each country and investigated for identifying new drugs of natural origin.