

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

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PROMOTION OF AMCHI SYSTEM OF MEDICINE  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Sowa -e-Rigpa, the traditional Amchi System of Medicine is very effectively serving the people in Ladakh and other trans-Himalayan States and supplementing the Health Service initiatives in remote areas;
- (b) if so, the incentives being provided for the same in Ladakh region of J &K and other trans-Himalayan States of Himachal Pradesh ,Uttaranchal, Sikkim, Darjeeling and Arunachal Pradesh by the Union Government;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to recognize this traditional system as an Indian system of Medicine to promote the same;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE( SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e): According to ICMR, Amchi, also identified by the name `Sowa Rigpa` is supposed to be contributing to the health care system of remote mountainous communities in the Himalayas & Tibetan Plateau. However, this system is neither recognised by the Central Government nor is there any proposal to recognize the same.