

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

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BOOSTING OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in order to identify , evaluate and improve quality of traditional medicines, a task force comprising federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Vherds, Rural Development Society, Industry and Scientific Community has been constituted ;
- (b) if so, whether to popularise and create confidence in Indian traditional medicines, it was agreed that FICCI should henceforth include these item on the agenda of Joint Business Council with other countries ;
- (c) if so, the other proposals to be undertaken by this Task Force; and
- (d) the extent to which this kind of task force helps to boost the traditional medicines in India ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Government of India have not set up any Task Force comprising Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, VHERDS (Voluntary Health Education and Rural Development Society), etc. It is, however, understood that the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has in association with VHERDS (Voluntary Health Education and Rural Development Society) set up a task force to identify the potential for strengthening traditional system, improving quality of health care, its contribution to rural development and poverty alleviation and expand and diversify Indian share of global market.