

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

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RESEARCH ON ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the alternative systems of medicine has great potential in India because of biological diversity and traditional knowledge ;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any research in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE ( DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

- (a) : Yes Sir, Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy are not alternative systems but trace their antiquity to pre-historic period.
- (b) to (d): During the last 3 years the Central Research Councils of the Department of AYUSH have taken up 48 research projects and got three drugs and 2 processes patented.