

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:244  
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2006  
PROMOTION OF NATUROPATHY  
Singh Chaudhary Lal

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Nature Cure is not getting its due share in the budget allocated to the Health and Family Welfare over the years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the percentage of funds allotted to Nature Cure out of the total budget for the Health and Family Welfare during each of the last three years; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to promote Nature Cure in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 244 FOR 8TH MARCH, 2006.

(a) &(b) No, Sir. The Government is paying considerable attention to the development of Indian Systems of Medicine and to therapies like Nature Cure or Naturopathy. In order to enable the systematic development of Indian Systems of Medicine, a separate Department dealing with Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) was set up in 1995. A National Policy on AYUSH Systems was laid down in 2002. The approved budgetary outlays of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the Department of AYUSH and for Naturopathy are given at Annexure-I

(c) The percentage of funds allocated to Nature Cure out of the total Budget for the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare during each of the last three years is at Annexure-II

(d) The details of steps being taken by the Government to promote Nature Cure in the country are at Annexure-III .

Annexure-I

Detailed Budgetary Allocation for the last 3 years

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl.No.	Description	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1.	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare	9056.57	10025.22	12428.83
2.	Department of AYUSH	196.47	225.73	405.98
3.	Nature Cure#	3.54	5.22	4.45

# Includes funding for the National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune and Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy, New Delhi,.

Annexure-II

Percentage of Budgetary Allocation for Nature Cure for the last 3 years

Sl. Description	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
-----------------	---------	---------	---------

No.

1. Percentage relation to allocation of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare	in 0.04 %	0.05 %	0.04 %
2. Percentage relation to allocation of Department of AYUSH	in 1.80 %	2.31 %	1.10 %

Includes funding for the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy, New Delhi and National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune.

### Annexure-III

#### Details of major steps being taken by the Government of India to propagate Nature Cure

S.No	Description
1.	Financial Assistance is provided for conducting Research in the field of Nature Cure.
2.	A comprehensive health fair, Arogya is being organized in different States to enhance awareness of the general public about Ayush Systems and Nature Cure is prominently featured in these fairs.
3.	Training Courses are organized for the Nature Cure practitioners.
4.	Grants-in-aid are provided to NGOs for promoting Nature Cure.
5.	Assistance is also provided to print, publish and exhibit papers for the furtherance of Nature Cure.
6.	Institutes of the Government of India provide free consultation services to the public.
7.	The `Nisargopchar Vrata` magazine is being brought out at a very subsidized basis by the National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune.
8.	The Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy, New Delhi and National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune publish free information material regarding nature Cure. In addition, books, charts and equipment are also sold by these institutions.
9.	Monthly workshops in regional languages on the third Saturday of every month are being conducted by National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune.