

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any plan to authenticate the traditional system of medicines scientifically; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Traditional systems of medicine in the country exist in codified and oral forms. The codified traditional Indian medical systems are Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Yoga. Non-codified oral health knowledge is available in the form of local health practices and folk medicine. The codified medical knowledge is based on evidence of safe usage over centuries. A large body of work has been done regarding standardization and validation of Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha formulations by AYUSH research Councils, Indian Council of Medical Research and CSIR laboratories. Several post-graduate teaching institutions and private research institutions are also engaged in this work.