

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to sign any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Centre for Natural Products Research;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which the Indian system of medicine is likely to be benefited?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government has already signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Centre for Natural Products Research (NCNPR), University of Mississippi, USA. The MoU aims at setting up an Indo-US Joint Center for Research Indian Systems of Medicine (CRISM) at NCNPR by Department of AYUSH. The primary mission of the CRISM would be to facilitate scientific validation and dissemination of information in Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani medicines, through collaborative research.

This will help in creating advocacy for Indian Systems of Medicine (ISM) in the US, encourage research in ISM through modern science and create a market for both ISM and ISM products in the US.