GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2139 ANSWERED ON:16.03.2005 DEMANDS FOR EXPERTISE IN ISM Chowdhury Shri Adhir Ranjan

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

(a) whether the Government has received demands from other countries for providing expertise in Indian Systems of Medicine;

(b) if so, the names of such countries;

(c) the details of the worth (in Rs.) of medicines exported in 2003-04;

(d) the number of experts deputed for teaching and training; and

(e) the bilateral agreement/understanding that exists at present for this purpose?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Government has received proposals from USA, West Indies and Hungary for deputation of experts to teach Ayurveda.

(c) The Ayurvedic, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathic and Bio-chemic systems medicaments worth Rs. 213.87 crores were exported during the financial year 2003-04.

(d) Nil.

(e) The bilateral agreements which include mutual cooperation in indigenous systems of medicine/traditional systems of medicines exist with six countries, namely United Republic of Tanzania, Government of Turkmenistan, Federal Republic of Brazil, People's Republic of China, Republic of Hungary and Republic of Yeman.