

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2623
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2010
AYUSH PROPOSALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made in the setting up of Panchakarma Hospital, Alleppey in Kerala and the funds allocated for the purpose by the Department of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH);
- (b) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala for the establishment of National Ayurvedic Geriatric Centre in Government Ayurveda College, Thiruvananthapuram;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the funds released or proposed to be released for the purpose;
- (d) whether any proposal has also been received for the upgradation of Government Nature Cure Hospitals in Varkala and Ottappalam to the status of Centre of Excellence; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a) Yes, the State Government of Kerala had submitted a proposal costing Rs. 16,01,98,753/- for upgradation of Panchakarma Hospital at Alappuzha District in Kerala under the "Centre of Excellence"(COE) scheme of the Department of AYUSH. This was not considered favourably by the Project Approval Committee of the Department of AYUSH as the proposal can not be supported under the present provisions of the "COE" scheme.
- (b) & (c) Yes, a proposal received from the State Govt. of Kerala for establishment of the National Ayurvedic Geriatric Centre located in Govt. Ayurveda College Thiruvanthapuram has been approved for grant-in-aid amounting to Rs. 5.00 crores and Rs. 2.00 crores has been released as first installment.
- (d) & (e) Yes, a proposal for development of Government Nature Cure Hospital Varkala as Centre of Excellence was received from the State Government of Kerala under the Central Sector Scheme for "Centre of Excellence" seeking financial assistance of Rs. 545.50 lakhs. This proposal could not be approved as it did not satisfy the eligibility criteria prescribed under the scheme. No proposal regarding the Nature Cure Hospital at Ottappalam has been received in the Department of AYUSH, Govt. of India.