

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

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SETTING UP OF RESEARCH CENTRE FOR AYURVEDA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal to establish a Regional Research Centre for Ayurveda at Thiruvananthapuram;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present status of the proposal;
- (d) whether the State Government has allotted the land required for establishment of the Centre;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government to commence the activities at the Centre?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): No Sir; however, one Regional Research Institute (Ay.), is functioning in Poojapura, Thiruvananthapuram since 1975 in a rent free building provided by the State Government of Kerala.

(d) & (e): A piece of land measuring 1.545 acres has been allotted by the State Govt. of Kerala on 4.8.2003 to the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha (CCRAS) adjacent to the present building at Poojapura for construction of a new building for the Regional Research Institute (RRI) (Ay.), Thiruvananthapuram. Plans and preliminary estimates have been received from CPWD (South Zone III), Bangalore at an estimated cost of Rs.4,95,14,000/- through Assistant Director Incharge, RRI (Ay.), Thiruvananthapuram. The Standing Finance Committee of the CCRAS has accorded its approval to the preliminary estimates and an amount of Rs.2 crores has been released on 3.7.2009 to the Institute as contingent advance to commence construction activities through CPWD.

(f): The RRI (Ay) at Poojapura, Thiruvananthapuram is already functioning with multi-disciplinary sections i.e. Clinical Research, Drug Standardization Research, Survey and Pharmacognosy, General administration and Library. The RRI undertakes many activities including multi-centric open clinical study on Annabhedy Chendooran, special Geriatric OPD, documentation of reported episodes of prevention/treatment for vector borne and other infectious diseases with Ayurvedic drugs, Pharmacovigilance Programme of Ayurvedic formulations and procedures for studying any adverse reaction of the Ayurvedic medicines available in the OPD etc. Advance instruments like Haematological cell counter, auto analyzer etc. are available for conducting treatment and pathological investigations in the Lab.