

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5798
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SIDDHA SYSTEM OF MEDICINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to promote Siddha system of medicine;
- (b) the funds released for the promotion of Siddha system of medicines during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether desired result has not been achieved in Siddha treatment despite the efforts of the Government;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up Siddha Medical Council to promote development of Siddha medicines; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

- (a) Government has taken following steps to promote Siddha system of medicine:
 1. Education and training through National Institute of Siddha, Chennai.
 2. Undertaking of study, research, clinical trial, drug testing etc. in Siddha system through Research Institutes/Units of Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha (CCRAS).
 3. Grant of financial assistance to State Governments to promote AYUSH Systems of medicine including Siddha System under the Hospitals and Dispensaries scheme for development of infrastructure and provision of essential medicines.
 4. Setting up of Siddha Pharmacopoeia Committee (SPC) for promoting quality of Siddha Products.
 5. Generation of awareness through print and electronic media, holding Arogya fair and launching of National Campaign on Ayurveda and Siddha for Geriatric Health Care.
 6. Grant of financial assistance to voluntary Organizations under Central Sector Scheme for Revitalization of Local Health Traditions (LHT) including Siddha.
- (b): The details of funds released to Tamilnadu, Kerala and Puducherry, where Siddha system is popular for promotion of AYUSH including Siddha system of medicine during the last 3 financial years from 2007-08 to 2009-2010 is given at Annexure.
- (c): No.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e): No.
- (f): Does not arise.