

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

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STANDARDISATION OF AYURVEDA AND OTHER INDIAN TRADITIONAL METHODS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes a new testing method for Ayurvedic and other traditional systems of medicines like Unani, Naturopathy, etc. on the lines of Allopathy drugs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes any institutional arrangement for standardisation of Ayurvedic treatment and to scientifically establish the efficacy of the medicines and practices in Ayurveda;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to popularize the Indian Traditional Methods of medical treatment within the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Yes, the Cabinet has approved for setting up of Pharmacopoeia Commission of Indian Medicine on the lines of the Pharmacopoeia Commission for Allopathic Medicine, which will lead to setting pharmacopoeial standards. This complied with regulation and certification will ensure quality, safety and efficacy of the drugs available to the public. This will also help in undertaking collaborative research and standardization work with reputed government and private universities and research organizations like Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Indian Council of Medical Research, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, at the national level and World Health Organization, Food & Agricultural Organisation and US Food & Drug Administration, etc. At international level which are expected to generate novel methodologies for validation of Indian System of Medicines and lead to new drug discoveries.

(e) The Government has adopted a multipronged strategy to popularize these systems of medicines. AROGYA fairs have been held in several states in the country. National Campaigns have been launched to showcase the strengths of Ayurveda for Geriatric Care Unani for Skin Disorders, Yoga for Mental Health, Homoeopathy for Mother & Child Care, etc. Multi-media campaigns have been launched through T.V., audio, print media. Advertisements on the Metro, bus shelters and hoardings have also been made.