

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

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

- (a) whether the Naturopathy courses and Practitioners are registered by the Government;
- (b) if so, the procedure thereof alongwith the number of practitioners available in the country and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Department of AYUSH has any Advisory Board for the development of Naturopathy and Yoga;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of financial assistance provided by the Union Government for research in Naturopathy and Yoga during the last three years and the current year alongwith the achievements made;
- (f) whether the Government also provides financial assistance to NGOs for research and development of Naturopathy; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year alongwith the utilisation of funds by the NGOs?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b): The Central Government does not register the Naturopathy courses and Practitioners. However, the State Governments conducting the degree course in Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences (BNYS), grant registration to Naturopathy courses and practitioners through their respective State Indian Medicine Board. There are about 1927 practitioners in the country.
- (c) No.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) to (g) The Government, through its autonomous bodies, viz. the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN) and the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) has been providing financial assistance for research and development in Naturopathy and Yoga through reputed Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and other agencies in various States of the country. Details are given at Annexure I, II & III. Further, the CCRYN has so far published 10 Research Monographs based on the findings of the completed research projects. The outcome of the research projects is also published in Index Journals through 33 Research Articles.