

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

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

- (a) the details of the recommendations made by the Central Council for Health and Family Welfare in 1999 in respect of the appointment of physicians from the Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy (ISM&H) in every Primary Health Centre, filling up the vacant post of allopathic personnel in ISM&H physicians and setting up of specialist ISM&H treatment centres in rural hospitals;
- (b) whether the Government has taken measures to give effect to these recommendations;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which these recommendations are likely to be implemented by the Government?

Answer

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

(a) The Central Council for Health and Family Welfare in its recommendation had inter alia resolved to post at least one Physician of ISM&H in the existing Primary Health Centre in every state and also to fill vacancies caused by non-availability of allopathic persons by ISM&H Physicians to start specialist treatment centres of ISM&H at the Taluk/block level and introduce ISM&H wings in the existing State Government hospitals.

(b) & (c) Yes. As per information available as on 30th June, 2010, on Health Management Information System of National Rural Health Mission, a total number of 7,993 ISM&H Physicians have been appointed. During 11th Five Year Plan, financial assistance has been given so far to the States under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Development of AYUSH Hospitals & Dispensaries under National Rural Health Mission for setting up of 113 ISM&H Wings at District Hospitals and 6,155 ISM&H units at Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres.

(d) & (e) Does not arise.