

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

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AFFORDABLE MEDICINES UNDER AYUSH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken/proposed to promote and launch ayurvedic, siddha, unani and homoeopathic medicines for the treatment of various diseases in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has set up a new marketing wing under AYUSH for the sale of life saving medicines at affordable cost in Government hospitals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether any proposals have been received from some States including Kerala in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon, State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a) The Research Councils under Department of AYUSH are undertaking research on different disease conditions. The Government has undertaken multimedia campaigns for creating awareness about the AYUSH systems and also launched "Voluntary Certification of Ayush Products" scheme in collaboration with Quality Control of India (QCI) for promoting availability of quality AYUSH drugs.
- (b) No.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) No.
- (e) Does not arise.