

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:759
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AYUSH RESEARCH CENTRES/INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government encourages and provides support to research works under the Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) systems of medicine in order to raise their efficacy against various diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated and spent for the purpose during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether there is adequate number of AYUSH Research Centres/Institutes for carrying out such research works in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to set up more number of AYUSH Research Centres/Institutes across the country, particularly in uncovered areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) & (b): Yes. The Government encourages and provides support to research work under the Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) systems of medicine. Research is undertaken through projects undertaken by the Councils under the Department and through Extra-Mural Research Scheme through agencies outside the Department.

Details of research work done by the Central Councils are given in their Annual Reports. Till date, 161 Extra-Mural Research projects have been undertaken, out of which 65 have since been completed and 96 are ongoing.

Funds budgeted and expenditure incurred for the Central Research Councils of this Department, and through Extra-Mural research during the last 3 years and the current year is as under:

(Rupees in Crores)

Year	Fund Allocated	Expenditure
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	Central Research Councils	Extra Mural Research Scheme	Central Research Councils	Extra Mural Research Scheme
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2007-08	103.46	8.00	114.63	7.75
2008-09	124.38	7.00	184.96	3.11
2009-10	270.12	5.50	266.46	3.96
2010-11	254.33	5.50	223.84	0.97
	(upto 21.2.2011)	(upto 21.2.2011)		

(c) & (d): Yes. There are 91 research Centres (including Research Council Hqrs) located all over the country.

(e) The Government is encouraging strengthening and consolidation of Research Centres of Central Research Councils. However, in the recent past some new Research centres have been established or reopened on which a decision is taken on case to case basis.