

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

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

- (a) whether India has the largest number of Homoeopathic practitioners and also the largest turnover of Homoeopathic medicines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken/proposed some special steps to popularize Homoeopathy throughout the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to set up Homoeopathic Centres throughout the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The number of Registered Homoeopathic practitioners in India as on 1.1.2008 is 2,39,285. At present, the Government has no mechanism to monitor the turnover of Homoeopathic Medicines in the country.

(c) Yes.

(d) & (e): Government has established Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, National Institute of Homoeopathy and Central Council of Homoeopathy in order to promote Homoeopathy in the country. There exists a scheme to provide consolidated amount not exceeding Rs.25000/- per dispensary per annum to the State Government as lump sum assistance for purchase of medicines to State Homoeopathy Dispensary. Further under NRHM, colocation of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centre and Community Health Centre is one of important objectives of NRHM for mainstreaming of AYUSH system of Medicine. Further, Government has launched National campaign on Mother and Child Health and the awareness of Homoeopathic System is also being done through the print and electronic media under Information Education and Communication Programme and through organizing Arogya Melas. A Statement of proposals sanctioned under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Hospitals & Dispensaries for setting up of treatment Centres of Homoeopathy at Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs) during 11th Plan Period is annexed.