

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

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

- (a) the number of colleges/institutions to promote naturopathy in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more colleges/institutions and start courses in order to promote naturopathy treatment in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds earmarked and spent for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year so far, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has taken/proposed certain steps to popularise naturopathy as a scientific method of treatment; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) There are 14 Colleges for Yoga and Naturopathy recognised by various Universities in the country which are conducting Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences (BNYS) Degree course , as per details indicated below: -

Andhra Pradesh - 03 Chhattisgarh - 01
Gujarat - 01 Karnataka - 03
Madhya Pradesh- 02 Tamil Nadu -04

(b) Yes.

(c) A proposal to start 100 bedded Naturopathy Hospital and College by National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN), Pune, an autonomous organization under the Department of AYUSH, is under consideration for which acquisition of land from Government of Maharashtra is under progress.

(d) Yes.

(e) NIN, Pune regularly conducts training programmes for Naturopathy Doctors on Research Methodology. It also conducts Re-orientation Training Programmes; Continuous Professional Development Programmes; and Medical Education Programmes for practitioners of Yoga and Naturopathy and Doctors of other systems of Medicine. It also sponsors One-day Naturopathy and Yoga Awareness programmes and Seven-day Naturopathy and Yoga Awareness- cum-Treatment camps for women, general public and students all over the country.

The Central Council for Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN), another autonomous organization under the Department of AYUSH undertakes collaborative Research work to establish efficacy of Yoga and Naturopathy systems in various disease conditions as drugless, free from any side effect and easy to adopt health care system. The Council has also been conducting National Campaign to spread awareness about potentials of Yoga and Naturopathy.

The Council has started construction work for setting up of Central Research Institutes (CRIs) at Nagamangala, District Mandya, Karnataka and Deverkhana, District Jhajjar, Haryana. The Council has also received proposals from other State Governments for setting up of CRIs. This includes Odisha, Manipur and Assam, who have also offered 20, 10 and 15 acres of land respectively for setting up the Centres.

The Department also promotes/ popularises Naturopathy by conducting and supporting educational and training programmes, workshops and conferences, lectures of eminent experts and disease specific therapy programmes.