

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

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

- (a) the number of pharmaceutical companies under the administrative control of the Department of AYUSH which manufacture Unani medicines alongwith the number out of them functional in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the present strength of workers and employees working in these companies including Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited (IMPCL);
- (c) the amount fixed and utilised for purchase of Unani medicines during each of the last three years and the current year so far;
- (d) the quantum of Unani medicines supplied to the hospitals and dispensaries during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to increase the budgetary allocation for purchasing Unani medicines and fine-tune functioning of the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) by making various appointments including that of advisor; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a): The Indian Medicine Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited, Mohan, Distt. Almora, Uttarakhand is the only pharmaceutical company under the administrative control of the Department of AYUSH which manufactures Unani Medicines and it is a functional company.

(b): 129 regular and 17 ad-hoc employees are presently working in Indian Medicine Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited, Mohan, Distt. Almora, Uttarakhand.

(c) & (d) The Department of AYUSH do not purchase any Unani Medicine itself. There is a provision under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Development of AYUSH Hospital & Dispensary (which is subsumed under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to provide financial assistance to State Health Societies for purchase of medicines of Ayurveda, Unani, Homoeopathy & Siddha System of medicines. Under this scheme, there is no separate specific provision to purchase Unani Medicines. However the financial assistance provided to various states for purchase of Unani Medicine for the last 3 years and current year is Annexed.

The amount of Unani Medicine as supplied and sold by Indian Medicine Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited (IMPCL) during last 3 years to various State Governments and others in financial terms is as under:-

Year 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12

Amount 39759200.45 42462919.30 40704096.80
(In Rupees)

(e) & (f) Yes. In 12th Plan Higher Allocation has been proposed. As far as Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) is concerned for the year 2012-13 in allocation of Rs. 8.00 Crore under the head 'Material & Supplies' which also includes expenditure on medicines has been made.

Filling up of vacant posts in CCRUM and that of Advisor (Unani) in the Department of AYUSH is in process.