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RESEARCH IN AYUSH

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

- (a) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to promote ayurveda, yoga and naturopathy, unani, siddha and homoeopathy (AYUSH) medicines in an organised and scientific manner in the country;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to promote research in AYUSH medicines in the country;
- (c) the major research projects undertaken and achievements made under AYUSH in respect of various diseases including Malaria, Tuberculosis and AIDS;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to integrate AYUSH into the national healthcare delivery system; and
- (e) if so, the action plan chalked out for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government promotes Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy system of medicines in organized and scientific manner by supporting educational & training programmes, workshops & conferences, lectures of eminent experts, state of art research, state drug testing laboratories, developing pharmacopoeial standard etc. The IEC activities of the Department of AYUSH include awareness building about these systems. Research in AYUSH is carried out through projects undertaken by the five Research Councils namely Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH). Research is also undertaken by the National Institutes and educational Institutions. Further, research to be undertaken by agencies outside the Department is also supported by the Department through Extra Mural Research Scheme.

(c): Research Councils have undertaken large number of Projects on various diseases. The major ones are Psoriasis (777 Oil); Anti-malarial (AYUSH 64); Anti-epileptic (AYUSH-56); Paediatric care (AYUSH Bala Rakshak Leham); Iron deficiency Anaemia (Annabedhi Chenduram); Vitiligo (Bars); Eczema (Nar-e-farsi/Daus Sadaf /Psoriasis); Infective Hepatitis (Iltehab-e-kabid); Osteoarthritis (Waja-ul-Mafasil) and Bronchial Asthma (UNIM352). Studies in respect of above projects have been completed. The results have also shown that Homoeopathy has a positive role to decrease viral load in HIV +ve patients, increase CD4 Count and improve the quality of life. A preliminary study conducted by CCRUM in collaboration with Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi on Pulmonary Tuberculosis (Diq-e-Revi) have shown significant effects of Unani drugs as immunomodulator leading to better and early resolution of lesions.

(d) & (e): Mainstreaming of AYUSH under National Rural Health Mission is carried out through appointment of AYUSH doctors on contract basis in colocated AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres and District Hospitals. Department of AYUSH has provided financial support for infrastructure, equipments and medicines to colocated AYUSH facilities. AYUSH doctors are also involved in National Health Programmes.