

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

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SOWA RIGPA MEDICINE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to recognise Sowa Rigpa medicine system in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal to begin its curriculum in some medical colleges;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to develop and popularise this medicine system?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes.
- b) The Union Cabinet has accorded approval for carrying out amendments in the Indian Medicine Central Council (IMCC) Act, 1970 for recognition of Sowa Rigpa System of Medicine in the country. A bill in this regard is being introduced in the Parliament.
- (c) No.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha (CCRAS) an autonomous body under the administrative control of this Department has one research unit at Leh functioning as Sowa Rigpa (Amchi) Research Centre and conducting Research on Sowa Rigpa literature, drug development, clinical trial etc. in addition to health care services.