

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

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PROMOTION OF ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote Alternative system of medicine in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the financial allocation made during the current financial year for the purpose vis-a-vis allopathy system; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the share of India in global market of herbal medicines?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes. The Government is promoting Indian Systems of Medicines in the Country. Following activities are being carried out to promote Ayurveda, Yoga & naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy.

- i. Standardization of drugs.
- ii. Production and Quality control of raw material (Medicinal Plants).
- iii. Production of Quality Assurance of drugs
- iv. Raising the standards of Research and Education
- v. Generation of awareness

The allocation/outlay for the current financial year in respect of AYUSH vis-à-vis Allopathic discipline is given as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

	Plan	Non Plan	Total
AYUSH	734.00	188.00	922
Allopathy Systems	18380.00	2733.33	21113.33

(c) The following steps are being taken to increase India's share in global market of herbal medicines

- i. Reimbursement of 50% of the expenditure limited to Rs. 1.00 lakh to AYUSH entrepreneurs, industry representatives etc. for participating in international exhibitions, trade fairs, roadshows etc.
- ii. Reimbursement of 50% of the expenditure incurred on preparation of Drug Dossiers and Registration of ASU&H products by US-FDA/EMEA/UK-MHRA subject to a maximum limit of Rs.5.00 lakhs per product to AYUSH units for encouraging them to register their products for export.
- iii. Funding of upto Rs. 50 lakhs for market development linked activities and to organize or support international conferences, seminars, workshops, conduct of market surveys & studies, etc.
- iv. A Centre for Research on Indian System of Medicine (CRISM) has been set up in the National Centre for Natural Products Research (NCNPR), University of Mississippi, USA. The NCNPR has an institutional interface with US-FDA which will facilitate Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani drug manufacturing companies to get their herbal medicines/food supplements registered on the basis of Common technical dossiers to be prepared jointly by CRISM and ASU Industry partners.

v. Framework of Cooperation has been signed with International Trade Center, UNCTAD/WTO, Geneva for development of International Trade of Indian Traditional Medicinal Products and Services.

vi. Collaborative project on preparation of drug dossiers for market authorization in the EU to meet the regulatory requirements under the Traditional Herbal Medicinal Products Directive (THMPD) is being taken up.