

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RESEARCH IN AYUSH SYSTEM OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of research institutes/ centres under the Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) system of medicines, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the quantum of grants sanctioned and released to the AYUSH research institutes/centres during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UTwise;
- (c) the details of major research projects undertaken by the AYUSH research institutes/centres including their outcome during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the AYUSH research institutes/ centres including those functioning in hospitals/medical colleges and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures being taken by the Government to encourage and promote research in AYUSH system of medicines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): 91 research institutes/centres are functioning under the 5 Central Research Councils of the Department of AYUSH, namely Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Yoga & 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). The details are given in Annexure-I.

(b): The details of grants under Budget Estimates (BE), Revised Estimates (RE) and Actual amount released to the AYUSH Research Councils during the last three years and current year are given at Annexure-II.

(c): Research Councils have undertaken large number of Projects on various diseases. Major projects are mostly multicentric covering more than one state. The major ones along with formulations 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 (Iltahab-e-ksabid); 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. Further details are available on the website of the Department i.e. www.indianmedicine.nic.in

(d) & (e): Steps have been taken to upgrade the laboratories of the Research Institutes/ Centres. Further, research undertaken by agencies outside the Department is also supported by the Department through Extra Mural Research Scheme. The Government encourages and promotes research in AYUSH systems of medicines in organized and scientific manner by supporting educational & Training programme Workshops and Conferences by conducting lectures by eminent experts, state of the art research, State Drug Testing Laboratories, developing pharmacopoeial standards etc.