

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2537  
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2009  
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SIDHA  
Semmalai Shri S.

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

- (a) the details of the research activities undertaken at the National Institute of Sidha (NIS) in Chennai during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether there is lack of adequate technical and administrative manpower in the Institute; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The details of the research activities undertaken in National Institute of Sidha (NIS), Chennai during the last 3 years are as under:
- i. Study on "profile of patients reporting at OPD, NIS" during July/August 2008.
  - ii. WHO sponsored project on "Development of Siddha Treatment Guidelines for selected diseases".
  - iii. Memorandum of Understandings have been signed during 2008-09 with Tuberculosis Research Center, Chennai, Anna University, Chennai, Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha, New Delhi and SASTRA University, Tanjore for undertaking research by utilizing advanced technology.
  - iv. A National workshop on 'Pre-clinical and Clinical Research was conducted on 3rd & 4th November 2009.
  - v. Seven Research Protocols have been finalized for undertaking research in collaboration with SASTRA University, Tanjore and Shri Ramachandra University, Chennai.
- (b) No.
- (c) Does not arise.