

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

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RESEARCH IN YOGA AND NATUROPATHY

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

- (a) the financial assistance provided by the Government for research in yoga and naturopathy during the last three years and the current year and the achievements made thereunder;
- (b) whether assistance has also been provided to the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs);
- (c) if so, the financial assistance provided to NGOs during the above period and the funds utilised by them;
- (d) the actions taken by the Government against the fraudulent NGOs, if any, during this period;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to launch any new initiatives for the promotion of scientific research and marketing in yoga and naturopathy and to start new curriculum for the same; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, the funds proposed for this purpose and progress made in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Financial assistance provided by the Government for research in Yoga and Naturopathy during the last three years and the current year is given below:

Sl.No. Year Amount (in Rs.)

1. 2006-07 71,30,083

2. 2007-08 1,30,27,800

3. 2008-09 2,02,81,776

4. 2009-10 3,92,54,142

The achievements made during these years are given at Annexure.

(b) Yes.

(c) The financial assistance provided to NGOs during the last three years and the current year are given below:

Sl.No. Year Amount (in Rs.)

1. 2006-07 47,49,033

2. 2007-08 48,84,800

3. 2008-09 97,63,410

4. 2009-10 1,31,35,112

As per the Utilization Certificates furnished by the NGOs, the funds given to them were fully utilized.

(d) No NGO was found to be indulging in fraudulent activity during the period.

(e) Yes, Six Central Research Institutes (CRIs) are to be established with 100 beds capacity at a tentative budget of Rs. 30 Crores each. The construction of one Institute has been started at Nagmangala, Distt. Mandya, Karnataka. Efforts are being made to establish CRIs at Haryana, Jharkhand, Assam, Tamil Nadu and Jammu & Kashmir.