

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH)
LOK SABHA**

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Treatment of Diseases through Herbs
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Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that many people treat various diseases through herbs in rural and hilly areas of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to accord recognition to such persons engaged in such treatment and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide any kind of help to the experienced vaidyas of rural and hilly areas to encourage treatment through herbs and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a): Yes, Madam. Health is a State subject. Registered practitioners of traditional system of medicines like Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani as well as folk healers are treating various diseases in the country including hilly and rural areas.

(b): The registered practitioners under Indian Medicine Central Act, 1970 are already recognized to dispense medicines in accordance to the provisions of the Act for such systems of medicines. However there is no proposal under consideration to recognize the folk healers who do not possess formal qualifications under the Act.

(c): The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous body under Ministry is documenting local health traditions/tribal folklore claims/ethno-medical practices prevalent in different areas in the country including hilly areas, viz., Tarikhet, Itanagar, Gangtok, Guwahati etc. through its programmes, namely, Tribal Health Care Programme and Ethno-Medico Botanical Survey. The documented information is published in the form of monographs/reports from time to time.

Rastriya Ayurveda Vidhyapeeth, an autonomous organization under the Ministry is established with an aim to preserve and arrange transfer of Ayurvedic knowledge from eminent scholars and traditional vaidyas, who do or do not have formal qualifications but were trained under Gurukula systems, to the younger generations through the Indian traditional system of education called 'Guru Shishya Parampara' to develop experts in Ayurveda with clinical skills.