

>**Title:** Urged the Government to set up a separate Ministry for the Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy.

DR. V. SAROJA (RASIPURAM): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I urge upon the Government to set up a separate Ministry for the Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy. After signing of the WTO agreement, and after 2005, we have to pay at least Rs.5 to Rs.6 for each tablet in respect of all allopathic drugs, including common drugs like paracetamol. The Indian Systems of Medicine and the issues relating to it are occupying the backbench. I would request for an overall development of all activities relating to the standard of Indian systems of medical education, need to check the proliferation of colleges, providing essential infrastructural facilities, bringing in the integration of healthcare delivery system in the areas of education, research and medicinal plants, and the need to fill up vacant posts in the colleges teaching the Indian Systems of Medicine.