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Title : Need to promote Ayurveda in India and abroad.

SHRI LONAPPAN NAMBADAN (MUKUNDAPURAM): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I rise to bring to the notice of the House the need for taking urgent steps for global acceptance of Ayurveda as a holistic system of medicine. In this context, I request the Government totake the following steps, *inter alia*, to ensure that this ancient Indian scientific system of medicine is accepted nationally and globally as a holistic one:

1. Issue suitable guidelines to include Ayurveda in the curriculum from Standards 1 to 10 in order to spread literacy on Ayurveda.
2. Take suitable and adequate steps to reorganise the paramedical system on Ayurveda at par with the modern system of medicine. Such a step will boost employment potential for persons working in this area globally.
3. On the lines of legislation prevalent in Kerala, pass suitable legislation to prevent unhealthy practice of modern medicine by Ayurveda practitioners which also pollutes the image of Ayurveda.
4. Earmark at least an amount of Rs.1000 crore to the private sector as promotional subsidy or grant to modernise Ayurveda centres so as to attract high-class and valued customers from around the globe.
5. Set up a Committee of experts from all related fields to upgrade the standard of the syllabus of Ayurveda to an international level and report to the CCIM.
6. Take steps to identify the medicinal plants which are on the verge of being extinct and encourage them to be grown and sustained on Government land.
7. Make adequate budgetary provision and take steps to promote research in Ayurveda globally so that it grows into a system of tomorrow and the future generation.

I, therefore, request the Central Government kindly to take necessary steps in the matter immediately.