

rendering assistance in furnishing required information to CBI on accused persons and coordinating with other countries.

(c) and (d) According to law of a particular country, the competent authority of that country will decide whether assistance is to be rendered or not. Interpol cannot compel a country to render assistance. The requested country can permit visits of CBI officers for helping them in investigation. If required they can call the CBI officers from India for assisting them in the matter.

(e) and (f) The assistance to be rendered by Interpol to investigators is limited to the extent of passing on some information. Interpol's information only facilitates investigators of CBI by sending Letter Rogatory etc.

Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Treatment

989. SHRI G. GANGA REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to popularise Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Treatment in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the details of strategy proposed to be adopted for the purpose in each State during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement-I is attached.

(c) A working Group was set up by the Planning Commission to prepare proposals for the Development and Promotion of the Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy for the 9th Five Year Plan period. The Working Group identified areas of intervention, such as standards of education, standardisation of drugs and quality control, enhancing the availability of raw materials, research and development, involvement in the National Health Care Delivery. The 5th Conference of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare held on 8th to 10th January, 1997 and the 1st Conference of the Ministers of Health dealing with Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy held on 18.2.1997 adopted certain resolutions around these thrust areas for implementation. The Department's Plan proposals for the 9th Five Year Plan have been prepared keeping in view these resolutions. A copy of the resolutions adopted is enclosed as Statement-II.

Statement-I

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(b) During the 8th Five Year Plan period Government set up an independent new Department of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy in March, 1995 for the development and promotion of these systems including Yoga and Naturopathy in the country. Some centrally sponsored schemes were implemented during the 8th Five Year Plan. They are as follows :-

1. Providing financial assistance for improving and strengthening of the undergraduate colleges of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy,
2. Financial assistance for upgradation of departments in Homoeopathy colleges for Post Graduate Training,
3. Financial assistance for upgrading the Departments in Post Graduate Training and research in Indian Systems of Medicine,
4. Central scheme for development and cultivation of medicinal plants was continued,
5. Financial assistance for reorientation training for teachers, practitioners, researchers to update their knowledge,
6. Strengthening the establishment of premier institutes in the Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, such as, the National Institute of Ayurveda, National Institute of Homoeopathy at Calcutta, national Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore, National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune, Rashtriya Ayurved Vidyapeeth, Delhi, Institute of Post Graduate Training and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar,
7. Research in Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy was supported through various Central Councils for Research in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Homoeopathy, Yoga and Naturopathy, and
8. Continuation of Pharmacopoeia Committees of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy to develop Pharmacopoeial standards for drugs of the respective systems and standardisation of drugs/and testing of drugs through the Pharmacopoeial Laboratory of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy Pharmacopoeial Laboratory at Ghaziabad.