

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.180
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2019
SIDDHA RESEARCH CENTRES**

***180. SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI SELVAM G.:**

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

(a) whether any study has been carried out to identify advantages and uniqueness of Siddha system of medicine as compared to other systems of medicine and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of Siddha research centres functional at national and State levels in the country, State/UT-wise along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to open new Siddha research centres and strengthen/upgrade the existing ones indicating the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government provided funds for the National Institute of Siddha for enhancing infrastructure and research facilities along with enhancing the strength of doctors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the funds allocated by the Government during the last four years along with the number of doctors working at present and the steps taken to make Siddha systems available at grassroot level?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE(IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF
AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND
HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) Yes. Studies have been carried out to identify advantages and uniqueness of Siddha system of medicine through Central Council for Research in Siddha by IMR project conducted by the Siddha Regional Research Institute (SRRI), Puducherry in 500 patients entitled “Assessment of awareness and usage of Siddha Medicine among the patients reporting to selected Siddha OPD in Puducherry and Karaikkal Region”. The key findings are as follows:

- i) 96.39% of participants have stated that they will recommend Siddha Treatment / Medicine for others.
- ii) 62.45% of participants have stated they preferred treatment in Siddha System of Medicine.

However, concrete comparative studies have not been conducted by the Council.

(b) The total number of Siddha Research institutes / units functioning under Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) are 8 and the details are enclosed as below:

- Siddha Central Research Institute, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Siddha Regional Research Institute, Puducherry.
- Siddha Regional Research Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu.
- Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Karol Bagh, New Delhi. (In September, 2019 an extended OPD has started in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi)
- Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Siddha Medicinal Plants Garden, Mettur Dam.
- Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Tirupati

A Siddha outpatient wing was started in AYUSH wellness clinic, President Estate, All India Institute of Ayurveda, Saritha Vihar, New Delhi,

National Institute of Epidemiology - ICMR unit, Chennai and at Pondicherry University, Kalapet, Puducherry.

The details of funds allocated are enclosed as Annexure.

(c) & (d) The funds provided under Salary, General and Capital heads are utilized for enhancing infrastructure, research facilities and enhancing the strength of doctors. The detail of funds provided to National Institute of Siddha (NIS) during last four years year-wise is as follows:-

Year	Salaries	General	Capital	SAP**	Total
2015-16	8.00	18.00	0.0	--	26.00
2016-17	8.29	16.21	0.50	--	25.00
2017-18	11.37	17.12	0.35	--	28.84
2018-19	11.50	17.42	6.00	0.58	35.50

** Swachhta Action Plan

In the year 2015-16, an amount of Rs.44.28 lakhs has been provided by the Government for Public Health Initiatives (PHI) project at Virudhunagar in Tamil Nadu. In the year 2017-18, an amount of Rs.44.28 lakhs has been provided by the Government for PHI project at Virudhunagar in Tamil Nadu.

At present, 29 doctors (26 Siddha Doctors and 3 allopathic Doctors) are working in NIS on regular basis. Further, 17 Siddha Doctors are working as faculty members /Medical Officers on contract basis. In addition, 13 consultants in various fields have been engaged on part time.

The Hospital attached with NIS is very popular and huge number of patients avail treatment in the Hospital. During the year 2018-19, out-patient department of the Hospital has given consultation and treatment to a total of 788510 patients' visits (an average of 2160 patients per day). During this period, in the 200 bedded in-patient facility, 55723 bed days were recorded resulting in 76% bed-occupancy.

Annexure

Year wise allocation / expenditure of CCRS, Chennai

(Figures in Crores)

Year	Puducherry	Tamil Nadu (Chennai, Mettur, Palayamkottai)	Delhi	Karnataka (Bengaluru)	Kerala (Trivandrum)
2018-19					
Funds Alloted	3.47*	15.38*	0.87*	0.53*	2.66*
Funds Utilized	4.04*	17.92*	0.80*	0.54*	3.30*
2017-18					
Funds Alloted	2.84*	13.12*	0.62	0.26	1.50*
Funds Utilized	3.50*	20.63*	0.54	0.23	2.17
2016-17					
Funds Alloted	1.70*	11.20	0.03	-	0.80*
Funds Utilized	2.01	10.80	0.03	-	1.16
2015-16					
Funds Alloted	2.60	9.69	-	-	0.78
Funds Utilized	2.40	9.64	-	-	0.71

*Funds allocated does not include opening balance and internal generation of revenues.