

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 958  
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**CONFLICT BETWEEN MODERN MEDICINE AND AYUSH SYSTEM**

**958. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI :**

**MS. RAMYA HARIDAS :**

Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that the Government is aware that there exists a conflict between modern and AYUSH medicinal systems with regard to efficacy of medicines, treatments and procedures and also there is huge status gap between the two which is detrimental to AYUSH resources;
- b) If so, the details thereof ;
- c) whether it is also a fact that the Government has some plans to introduce a framework to integrate the modern and traditional systems so as to facilitate a meaningful, cross learning and collaboration between the two systems; and
- d) If so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF AYUSH  
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

- a) No conflict exists between modern and AYUSH medicinal systems with regard to efficacy of medicines, treatments and procedures.
- b) Does not arise.
- c) & d) Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Ayush has taken various initiatives to integrate the modern and traditional systems so as to facilitate a meaningful, cross learning and collaboration between two systems. The highlights of such initiatives have been the following :
  - (i) Government of India has taken the initiative to integrate all the systems of medicine by constituting a Committee on Integrated Health System under the Chairmanship of Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, and former Head of the Department of Paediatrics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. Four Working Groups have been further constituted under this Committee focussing on the aspects of education, medicine, clinical research, and public health & administration to bridge certain gaps in

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the health service continuum of care and administration of the programmes and to realise universal health coverage, leveraging the strengths of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Sidha, Sowa Rigpa and Homoeopathy (**AYUSH** systems of medicine) and Allopathy.

(ii) The Ministry of Ayush under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (**NAM**) co-locates AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs), thus enabling choice to the patients for different systems of medicine under single window. The engagement of AYUSH Doctors/paramedics and their training are supported by the Department of Health & Family Welfare, while the support for AYUSH infrastructure, equipment/ furniture and medicines are provided by the Ministry of Ayush under the shared responsibilities.

(iii) Three Research Councils of the Ministry of Ayush namely the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (**CCRAS**), the Central Council of Research in Homoeopathy (**CCRH**) and the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicines (**CCRUM**) had jointly taken up a project on the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (**NPCDCS**) through integration of Allopathy and AYUSH systems on a pilot basis in different districts in collaboration with the Directorate General of Health Services (**DGHS**), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(iv) The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (**CCRH**) has co-location of Homoeopathy treatment centre in allopathic hospitals for providing treatment on various clinical conditions at the following places:

- a. VardhamanMahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital (VMMC & SJH), New Delhi.
- b. Homoeopathic Research Institute for Disabilities, Chennai.
- c. Lady Hardinge Medical College & Hospital, New Delhi.
- d. Delhi Cantonment General Hospital, New Delhi.
- e. Delhi State Cancer Hospital, New Delhi.
- f. Clinical Trial Unit, at BRD Medical College and Hospital, Gorakhpur, U.P.
- g. Extension Centre at Princess Durrussevar Children and General Hospital, Hyderabad, Telangana.
- h. Civil Hospital, Aizwal, Mizoram
- i. District Hospital, Dimapur, Nagaland.

- (v) The Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (**CCRUM**) has undertaken several collaborative projects with the modern allopathic hospitals like AIIMS, New Delhi; JN Medical College, Aligarh and Vallabh Bhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi.
  
- (vi) The Central Council for Research in Siddha (**CCRS**), a Research Council under the aegis of Ministry, has initiated various collaborative clinical studies with modern allopathic hospitals like Government Stanley Medical College, Chennai; Govt. Theni Medical College, Tamil Nadu; Govt. Institute of Medical Sciences, Greater Noida; Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education & Research, Chennai; and Govt. Medical College & ESI Hospital, Coimbatore.
  
- (vii) To integrate Yoga in the mainstream medical care, the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (**MDNIY**), an Autonomous body under the Ministry of Ayush is running 4 (four) Yoga Therapy Centres at modern medicine Govt. Hospitals in Delhi.

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