

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2918  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> March, 2021**

**AVAILABILITY OF AYURVEDIC MANUSCRIPTS**

**2918. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any measures for collection and preservation of old manuscripts of Ayurveda texts/manuals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND  
SPORTS AND ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE  
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,  
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY  
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

(a) & (b): Ministry of AYUSH has declared National Institute of Ayurveda(NIA), Jaipur as Nodal Agency for Ayurveda Manuscriptology. A Manuscript Unit has been set up in the Institute for and digitization of Manuscripts and rare books.

The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has undertaken various projects as a part of Acquisition, Cataloguing, Digitization and Publication of Textbooks and Manuscripts under Central Sector Scheme of Ministry of AYUSH. The details of Manuscripts digitized are as under: -

- i. 1679 Manuscripts/rare books have been digitized under the project entitled "Survey, Cataloguing and Digitized inventory of Medical Manuscripts of Eastern India (Orissa, West Bengal and Bihar)".
- ii. 770 Manuscripts have been digitized under the project entitled "Survey, Cataloguing and Digitized inventory of Medical Manuscripts of North-East India".
- iii. 2703 Manuscripts have been digitized under the project entitled "Collection and Digitization of Medical Manuscripts from South India, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh (2008-2012).

(c): Does not arise.