

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1358

FOR ANSWER ON 09.02.2024

Research for Integrated Medicine

1358. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/proposed to take any concrete steps for collaboration/cooperation in health research in the field of Integrated Medicine and if so, the details thereof along with the current status therefor;

(b) whether it is true that the Government has decided to conduct high quality clinical trials jointly on identified areas/disease conditions of national importance with promising therapies of AYUSH system to generate evidence for wider acceptance and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that apprehensions have been raised against collaboration between the Indian systems of medicine and modern system of medicine as envisaged by the Government and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon; and

(d) the details of the list of institutions identified by the Government to implement collaboration/cooperation in health research across the field of Integrated Medicine in the first phase?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AYUSH

(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) A Memorandum of Agreement was signed between Ministry of Ayush and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on 11.05.2023 with the objective to promote and develop cooperation and collaboration on health research between Ministry of Ayush and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to-

- i. Explore the areas of collaboration, convergence and synergy between Ministry of Ayush and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for integrative health research.

- ii. Strengthening research capacity between Ministry of Ayush and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

The Government has completed the health related research studies like management of Osteoarthritis (Knee) at Safdarjung Hospital New Delhi, National Reproductive and Child Health services at Primary Health Care (PHC) level in Himachal Pradesh, National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS) and intervention in Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) in Maharashtra.

(b) Ministry of Ayush has jointly undertaken multi-centric clinical trial and health research with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) on research areas like anaemia.

(c) No such apprehensions were received in the Ministry of Ayush till date.

(d) In the first phase, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) across the country are identified by the government to implement collaboration and cooperation in healthcare research in the field of integrated medicine to establish Ayush-ICMR Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research (AI-ACIHR).

The Government has undertaken various collaborative researches with an integrative approach research model for scientific evidence generation of Ayush medicines at Institutions of national repute like Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Centre for Integrative Medicine and Research (CIMR), Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS).