

(b) the reasons for not translating ancient Siddha literature into Hindi and English?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) The Siddha Pharmacopeia Committee has finalised the first volume of Siddha Formulary of India in Tamil consisting of 242 compound preparations. The manuscript of the Formulary is read. The Central Council for Research in Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy has brought out two publications—one each in English and Tamil for popularising the Siddha System of Medicine. The publications are:—

(i) A hand book of common remedies in Siddha system of medicine (English).

(ii) Theriyar Kappiyam (Tamil). Whereas another publication (Theriyar Tharu in Tamil) is expected to be received from the Press soon, three more works are being sent to the Press for printing. Manuscripts of six other publications—three each in Tamil and Hindi are nearing completion.

(b) The translation work of the first volume of Siddha Formulary of India, in Hindi and English, has already been undertaken. Steps have also been taken for translating other Siddha publications into English and Hindi.

Medicinal Plants Unit of C.C.R.I.M.H.

9159. SHRI RAGAVALU MOHANARANGAM:
SHRI P. KANNAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the steps taken for expanding the survey of Medicinal Plants Unit of Central Council for Research in Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): The Survey of Medicinal Plants Unit at Government College of Indian System of Medicine, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu, has conducted 97 survey tours in 120 forest areas for assessing the qualitative and quantitative position of natural resources. The Unit has collected information about 1450 plant having medicinal and economical importance, and is maintaining a herbarium of 3000 sheets containing 770 species and also a museum with 315 authentic specimens. The activities of Survey of Medicinal Plants Unit in Tamil Nadu are proposed to be stepped up during the current year, to explore further the natural resources available by making further seasonal visits.

Central Pharmacy in Indian system of Medicine

9160. SHRI RAGAVALU MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Central Pharmacy in Indian system of medicine; and

(b) the precise place given to Siddha System in that set-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main objective of the Indian Medicine Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited, which has yet to be established, is to undertake manufacture of Indian medicines. Initially the Corporation will manufacture genuine Ayurvedic and Unani medicines and at a later stage the Corporation will also undertake manufacture of Siddha medicines.