

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKAR-JUN): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Research Units for Siddha System

9350. SHRI T. NAGARATNAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many research units are functioning for Siddha System at par with the other branches of Indian System of Medicine;

(b) why there is no National Institute for Siddha System; and

(c) how many vacancies have been filled up against other communities backward classes/Scheduled Castes

Scheduled Tribes till-date in the Ministry and in the Research Councils of Siddha under each category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Under the Central Council of Research in Ayur-veda and Siddha there are 91 Ayur-veda, 17 Siddha and 3 combined Ayur-veda & Siddha research units. Under the two Central Council of Research in Unani there are 31 Unani Research Units.

(b) The Siddha System of Medicine is popular mainly in the Southern Indian States, particularly, Tamil Nadu. While the question of setting up a National Institute of Siddha will be considered at the appropriate time, all encouragement is given for the development of the system.

(c) As in the attached Statement.

#### Statement

Total No. of vacancies filled in each category of post against others/Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Backward Communities in Siddha projects.

	No. of S.C.	No. of S.T.	No. of Backward	Others	Total No. of posts
<b>1. Under the C.G.R. A.S. (an autonomous body under this Ministry)</b>					
Group A . . . . .	2	..	..	19	
Group B . . . . .	1	1	1	7	10
Group C . . . . .	7	..	..	74	81
Group D . . . . .	26	2	..	48	76
<b>2. Under Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare</b>					
Group A . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
Group B . . . . .	1	..	..	..	1
Group C . . . . .	..	..	..	2	2
Group D . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
<b>TOTAL :</b> . . . . .	<b>37</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>191</b>