

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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AYURVEDIC HERBAL MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are formulating a comprehensive programme to promote Ayurvedic Herbal medicines;
- (b) if so, the efforts made so far in this regard; and
- (c) the funds earmarked for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) The Government has already taken following measures to promote Ayurvedic medicine:

- (i) Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia Committee has developed pharmacopoeial standards of 258 Ayurvedic drugs of plant origin.
 - (ii) 385 single drugs of plant origin of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs have been allocated to various laboratories to develop Pharmacopoeial standards under a central scheme.
 - (iii) Research in Ayurvedic drugs is being conducted by Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha.
 - (iv) A separate Drugs Technical Advisory Board under Drugs and Cosmetics Act has been set up to advise the Government on quality control of Ayurvedic Drugs.
 - (v) Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) of Ayurvedic drugs have been notified to ensure the quality production of Ayurvedic drugs on 23rd June, 2000.
 - (vi) Rs. 20.46 crores have been sanctioned during the financial year 2000-2001 under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening of State Government Drug Testing Laboratory and Pharmacies of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani Drugs.
 - (vii) To recognize private Drug Testing Laboratory for Ayurvedic drugs, notification has been issued under the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules for testing of Ayurvedic, drugs on 28th September, 2001.
 - (viii) Rule 161 under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules have been amended for exemption and labeling, packing of Ayurvedic Drugs for export.
 - (ix) A Medicinal Plants Board has been set up to augment availability of medicinal plants used in Ayurvedic drugs on 24th November, 2000.
- (c) During 2001-2002, Rs. 18.50 crores have been earmarked for strengthening of State Drug Testing Laboratory and Pharmacies of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- (i) Medicinal Plants Board has financial provision of Rs. 16.10 crores.
 - (ii) Rs. 3.50 crores have been earmarked for Centrally Sponsored Schemes for development of agro-techniques and cultivation of medicinal plants and herbal gardens.
 - (iii) Rs. 1.94 crores have been earmarked for strengthening of Pharmacopoeia Committee on ISM and the laboratories working under the scheme.