

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

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ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE SYSTEMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to boost alternative medicine system like Reiki, acupuncture and touch-healing therapy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government also propose to evaluate the traditional medicine system; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SH SHANMUGAM)

- (a) & (b) A Standing Committee of experts has been set up by the Government to look into the merits of various streams of Alternative System of Medicine.
- (c) & (d) Government is constantly carrying out evaluation of the Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy through the concerned Research Councils and the educational standard in the ISM&H colleges are evaluated through the Regulatory Councils.