

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

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APPOINTING ISM DOCTORS AT PHCS
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

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

- (a) whether the Indian Systems of Medicine (ISM) is becoming popular in the country and also abroad;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to include ISM in medical curriculum;
- (c) if so, whether the ISM doctors are available at all the primary health centres in the country ;
- (d) if not, whether the Government proposes to appoint ISM doctors at all the primary health centres in the country ; and
- (e) if so, the time by when such appointments are likely to be made?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal to include the basic principle and concepts of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy in MBBS course has been rejected by the Medical Council of India (MCI) on the ground that the systems could be misused by the practitioners of Allopathy on the basis of their limited exposure.

(c) to (e) Primary health being a State subject, it is for the Governments of respective States to appoint ISM doctors in the Primary Health Centres. They have been advised, appropriately. It is proposed to provide for posting of one ISM&H doctor in each Primary Health Centre (PHC) under the National Rural Health Mission.