

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

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INCLUSION OF YOGA AND NATUROPATHY IN THE MBBS COURSE

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

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to include naturopathy and yoga in the MBBS course and open naturopathy clinics and yoga centres all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which such clinics are likely to be opened in the country and the time by which the said courses are to be included in the MBBS course?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 439 FOR 25TH AUGUST, 2004

The National Policy on Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, 2002, provides for integration of different medical systems. In order to bring an effective integration in education and to expose students of modern medicine, a capsule course containing the basic concepts and fundamentals of the Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy including Yoga had been forwarded to the Medical Council of India. The proposal has not been accepted by the Medical Council of India on the ground that inclusion of basic principles and concepts of ISM&H in MBBS course may lead to inadequate knowledge and misuse of these systems by Allopathic doctors. No proposal, at present, is under consideration for inclusion of Yoga and Naturopathy in the MBBS course. 'Public Health, Hospitals and Dispensaries' being in the State list vide Entry No.6 of the 7th Schedule to the Constitution, it is for the State Governments to consider proposals to set up Yoga and Naturopathy Clinics/Centres in their respective States keeping in view their needs, priorities and resources. Government of India has no proposal under consideration to open naturopathy clinics and yoga centres, all over the country.