

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:418
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2005
PROMOTION OF HOMOEOPATHY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any schemes with a view to promote Homoeopathy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this system of medicine has not progressed due to scarcity of funds, resources and medicines;
- (d) whether there is also an acute shortage of Homoeopathy doctors in the country;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the details of the efforts being made by the Government to promote the said system of medicine?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 418 FOR 21ST DECEMBER, 2005

The Central Government has taken up Schemes for development and upgradation of, inter alia, Homoeopathy Colleges, Research in Homoeopathy, opening of Homoeopathic wings/specialty clinics in existing allopathic Hospitals and supply of essential homoeopathic drugs to Homoeopathy dispensaries in backward areas. In addition to research being carried out by the Central Council for Research in Homeopathy and National Institute of Homoeopathy, research projects are also invited from individual researchers/institutions for financial assistance.

It cannot be said that homoeopathic system of medicine is not progressing due to scarcity of funds or that there is a shortage of Homoeopathic doctors. There are 181 Homoeopathic Colleges in the country which turn out 13,000 Homoeopathic graduates every year. As on 1.1.2005, the number of registered homoeopathic practitioners was estimated at 2,15,000, the number of homoeopathic hospitals are 223 with a bed capacity of 11,205. The number of Homoeopathic dispensaries is 5,634.