

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

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SENDING AYURVEDIC EXPERTS TO USA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the USA has expressed the desire to acquire knowledge of the Ayurvedic System of Medicine from India and has sought the services of Ayurvedic experts for the said purpose;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has sent such experts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, on the initiative taken by Govt. of India to sensitize the Medical Schools in USA about the strength of Ayurveda as a medical system, a few Medical Schools in US indicated interest in hosting short term courses on Ayurveda for their students, medical staff and physicians. However, it was only from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine that a firmed up response has been received.

(b) to (d): Under the International Exchange Programme - for Training/ Fellowship/ Exposure visits etc., Dr. Manjari Dwivedi, a Professor from BHU and an expert of Ayurveda was deputed to USA from 4th April to 3rd May, 2005 to conduct a short term summer course on Ayurveda for the Medical Students of the University of Connecticut.