

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2112
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2007
ASWAGANDHA FOR TREATMENT OF HIV AIDS
Ramchandra Veerappa Shri

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

- (a) whether an Ayurvedic researcher and Professor of Dravya Guna of Nori Rama Sastry Government College of Ayurveda has proved that "Aswagandha" is effective for curing HIV/ AIDS;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any research has been conducted to prove the scientific efficacy of Ayurvedic medicine by the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No such claim has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) & (d) HIV/AIDS is one of the disease conditions identified for standardization and clinical trials of Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha formulations under the Golden Triangle Project initiated by the Department of AYUSH and its Research Councils in collaboration with Indian Council of Medical Research and the Council for Scientific & Industrial Research. Details of some of the research proposals funded by National AIDS Control Organization for scientific validation of Ayurvedic medicines for treatment of HIV/ AIDS are at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2112 DUE FOR REPLY ON 14.3.2007

1. Research Study on Screening of Western Himalayan Plants for anti-HIV activities at Institute of Himalayan Bio Research Technology (IHBT), Palampur and All India Institute of Medical Sciences.
2. Phase II vaginal Microbicides – Clinical Trials Praneem Polyherbal Formulation by National AIDS Research Institute, Pune.
3. Therapeutic evaluation of an Ayurvedic Medicine "Immu-25" in HIV/AIDS patients at Saharanpur, UP.
4. "Evaluation of Immunorestorative properties " Jyoti Amritum" an herbal preparation at Sir J.J. Group of Hospital, Mumbai.