

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

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TRADITIONAL SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal to include Indian Systems of Medicine (ISM) in the modern medicine curriculum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government had identified specific and vital areas of development in the traditional systems of medicine; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Government had sent a proposal to the Medical Council of India to consider inclusion of the basic principles and concepts of Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha and Yoga in the curriculum of MBBS students. This proposal was made with a view to sensitize the students of MBBS course about the philosophy and underlying the principles of these systems of medicine. The Department of AYUSH have taken up various steps for the development of the traditional systems of medicine by mainstreaming of AYUSH into the Health Care Delivery system.