

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 146
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2017**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON YOGA

**146. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:**

Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has organised International Conference on Yoga from 10 to 11 October, 2017 and if so, the details and main theme thereof;
- (b) the number of Indian and foreign delegates participated in the event;
- (c) the details of issues discussed in the conference along with the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for promotion of yoga in the country and abroad?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

- (a): Yes. The Ministry of AYUSH had organized a two-day International Conference on Yoga with the theme “Yoga for Wellness” at Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra, New Delhi during 10-11 October 2017. The Conference was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu. Hon’ble Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport & Highways; Shipping and Water Resources; River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation graced the Valedictory Session.
- (b): Nearly 600 delegates including 80 Yoga experts/ enthusiasts from 44 countries participated in the Conference.

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(c): Recent trends in Yoga; Yoga and Integrated Medicine; Role of Yoga in Non-communicable Diseases, Cancer control, Depression Gynaecological Disorders and Pain Management were some of the topics discussed during the conference. The event provided the foreign participants an opportunity to capture and understand various dimensions of Yoga and to help them further propagate the same in their respective countries.

(d): The Ministry of AYUSH has taken several initiatives for propagation and promotion of Yoga within and outside the country by organizing Conferences, Exhibitions, Seminars, Workshops, Symposiums, Arogya fairs/ Melas and undertaking publicity through electronic multimedia and print media. International Day of Yoga (IDY) is celebrated all over the world on 21st June.

The Ministry also deposes Yoga experts to participate in Conferences, Workshops and fairs organized by the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Commerce, etc. and Indian Missions abroad for Yoga demonstration and lectures.
