

Asthang Treatment in Ayurveda

5027. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether surgery had an important place in Asthang Treatment in Ayurveda;

(b) whether post-mortem is also being done in Ayurvedic colleges to impart knowledge about surgery; and

(c) if so, the further steps being taken by the Government to impart knowledge at par to Allopathy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Surgery, i.e. Shalya Tantra is one of the eight branches of Ashtang Ayurved.

(b) and (c) Post Mortem is not done in Ayurved colleges at present, however, ayurvedic students are taught forensic medicine, i.e., Agad Tantra and Vyavahar Ayurved and are taken to modern hospitals for demonstration of Post Mortem Examinations.

Even at present students are being taught modern surgery along with Shalya Tantra of Ayurved.

[English]

Maintenance of Buildings in Chandigarh

5028. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government or the Chandigarh Administration have allocated any funds for the maintenance of Government Buildings in Chandigarh during the last three years;

(b) the total amount actually spent on the maintenance of these buildings; and

(c) the number of buildings are in occupation of the States of Punjab and Haryana and the Union Territory of Chandigarh, separately?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The expenditure incurred

on the maintenance of these Government buildings during last three years is indicated below:

Year	Amount spent (in lakhs of rupees)
1995-96	540.60
1996-97	643.50
1997-98	762.42

(c) The number of non-residential Government buildings under occupation of various agencies is as follows:—

(i) Government of Punjab	10
(ii) Government of Haryana	6
(iii) Jointly by the Government of Punjab and Haryana	3
(iv) Chandigarh Administration	470

In addition, there are 15,028 residential units allotted to the employees of the State Governments of Punjab and Haryana and Chandigarh Administration as per prescribed procedures.

TB Cases in Rural Areas

5029. SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tuberculosis has re-emerged and spreading at an alarming rate in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to eradicate it especially in poverty stricken rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) and (b) The trend of T.B. cases in the country reported under the Programme over last several years has been more or less static. However, under the National T.B. Control Programme the treatment completion rate was only about 40%. To achieve a cure rate of atleast 85%, a revised strategy, which was pilot tested in India, has been introduced with World Bank assistance. The Government proposes to extend the