

Replies to questions asked in Parliament

Sub: Provisionally admitted question of Rajya Sabha starred/unstarred. Dy. No. U1087 for 02.07.2019 regarding “Homoeopathy Medicine at Reasonable Price” (received on 27-06-2019) –reg.

(a)	Whether Government is aware that poor people all over the country, particularly population of backward districts, largely depend upon homoeopathy due to low cost of medicine for ailments;	Do not pertain to Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.
(b)	If so the details thereof;	
(c)	Whether Government is also aware of the increasing cost of homoeopathy medicines in the market; and	
(d)	If so, what steps are proposed by Government to make homoeopathy medicine available at reasonable price all over the country?	

Sub:- Unstarred question No. 1096 of Rajya Sabha for 02.07.2019 regarding “ Homoeopathy Medicine at Reasonable Price” (received on 02.07.2019) –reg.

(a)	Whether Government is aware that poor people all over the country, particularly population of backward districts, largely depend upon homoeopathy treatment due to low cost of medicine for ailments; if so details thereof;	Do not pertain to Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.
(b)	Whether Government is also aware of the increasing cost of homoeopathy medicines in the market; and	
(c)	If so, what steps are proposed by Government to make homoeopathy medicine available at reasonable price all over the country?	

Sub:- Lok Sabha Dy. No. 3766 for answer on 12.07.2019 regarding “ Spurious Pharmacies”- reg..

(a)	Whether the cases of low quality medicines being marketed by spurious pharmacies have come to the knowledge of the Government during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-Wise;	Do not pertain to Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.
(b)	The action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and	
(c)	Whether the Government is planning to developed any mechanism to check such spurious pharmacies and, if so, the details thereof?	

Sub:- Lok Sabha Question Dy. No. 3869 for answer on 12.07.2019 regarding “ Fake Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Drugs”- reg..

(a)	Whether the Government is aware of the availability of Fake Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic drugs;	Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory being a Drug testing laboratory (under Drugs & Cosmetics Act) for Homoeopathic medicines tested 1761 Homoeopathic samples for the past three years received from different Authorities (Assistant Drugs Controller/Drug Controller Officers/ Drugs Inspectors/ Government Hospitals). Out of that 56 Homoeopathic Drugs are declared as of Substandard Quality/ Misbranded.
(b)	If so, the details thereof;	Details of samples which are declared as Substandard Quality/Misbranded is enclosed at Annexure-1
(c)	Whether the Government proposes to take any effective steps in this regard; and	Test reports are sent to the concern Drugs Authority for further necessary action
(d)	If so, the details thereof?	

Sub:- Lok Sabha Unstarred Qn. No. 1256 of for 28.06.2019 asked by Dr. Shashi Tharoor and Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal regarding “ Internal complaints Committee’ and (ii) Lok Sabha Un-Starred Qn. No.6 for 02.02.2018 asked by Shri Lakhan lal Sahu and Dr. Banshilal Mahato regarding The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (prevention, prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 – Request for information Reg..

Admitted version on Un-starred question Qn. No. 1256 for 28.06.2019-

(a)	Whether all the Central Government is department and PSUs have constituted internal complaints Committees (ICCs) to prevent sexual harassment at workplace. If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;	ICC of Ministry of AYUSH looks after HPL issue/s.
(b)	The total number of sexual harassment complaints filed by employees of departments of the Central Government before the respective ICCs since 2013;	
(c)	Whether it is true that ICCs have not completed the investigation into such complaints with the statutorily mandated period and if so, the details thereof along with the number of such pending cases;	
(d)	The action taken or being taken against such ICCs of Central Government/departments that have failed to submit their investigation reports within statutorily mandated period;	
(e)	The number of employees of Central Government/department officials that have been suspended or dismissed on charges of sexual harassment, since 2013; and	
(f)	Whether the judiciary falls under the purview of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and if so, the details of ICCs in Higher Courts and if not, the reasons therefor?	

Admitted version of Un-Starred Question No..... 6 for 02.02.2018

(a)	The number of complaints of sexual harassment filed by female employees in all the Ministries/Departments of the Government during each of the last three years and the current years. Ministry/Institution wise;	ICC of Ministry of AYUSH looks after HPL issue/s.
(b)	The details of such complaints and the status of their disposal;	
(c)	Whether a large number of fake complaints are being filed by female employees to get under benefit; and	
(d)	If so, the details thereof?	

Sub:- Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Unstarred Question Dy. No. S473 for answer on 19.11.2019 asked by Shri Mahesh Poddar, MP regarding “Laboratories for authenticating AYUSH medicines reg..”-

(a)	Whether it is a fact that medicines of AYUSH are being used for centuries in spite of not being authenticated in authorized laboratory;	As far as Homoeopathic Pharmacopeia Laboratory is concerned, we receive samples from various Government agencies for checking the quality of Homoeopathic Drugs. Based on the standards mentioned in the Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeias and as per Drugs & Cosmetics Act & Rules their under, the received Drugs are being tested whether they are of standards quality or not.
(b)	If so, whether Government will propose to restrict the use of medicines of AYUSH without being authenticated an authorized laboratory and consider to establish laboratories for authentication thereof, if so by when and not, the reasons therefor?	Do not pertain to Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.

Sub:- Lok Sabha Question No. 1934 for answer on 22.11.2019 asked regarding “Ayush Clinics/Hospitals” Reg..

(a)	Whether the Government has taken any stringent measures to control and curb the sale of spurious Ayurvedic and Unani medicines in the country;	Not pertain to Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.
(b)	If so, the details thereof and the cases booked against the sale and distribution of spurious medicines, State/UTs wise and year wise during the last five year; and	
(c)	Whether the Government has chalked out any plans to provide adequate supply of AYUSH medicines and drugs in the country?	
(d)	If so, the details thereof; and	
(e)	The member of AYUSH clinics and hospitals in the country and the funds allocated during the last five years for the same?	

Sub:- Lok Sabha Question Dy. No. 3955 for answer on 29.11.2019 regarding “ Drug Testing Laboratories in AYUSH” Reg..

(a)	Whether inadequate number of drug testing laboratories for AYUSH in one of the major reasons for circulation of spurious AYUSH drugs in the country;	Do not pertain to HPL
(b)	The details of the number of drug testing Laboratories for AYUSH functioning and proposed to be opened in the country, State/UT-wise;	HPL is an appellate laboratory for testing of Homoeopathic Drugs.
(c)	The mechanism of funds allocated for this purpose during the last three years and the current year;	(In Lakhs) Budget allocated } 2016-17 400 Last three years } 2017-18 375 Current Years } 2018-19 495 2019-20 550
(d)	The mechanism in place to review the functioning of drug testing Laboratories for AYUSH;	As per Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1945 & Rules, 1945.
(e)	Whether the Government proposes to launch a campaign to create awareness and ensure public participation against spurious drugs, if so, the details thereof; and	Do not pertain to HPL
(f)	The steps taken/ being taken by the Government to revamp the drug testing laboratories of AYUSH in the country?	Do not pertain to HPL

Sub:- Lok Sabha unstarred admitted Question No. 1963 for answer on 29.11.2019 regarding “ Popularisation of AYUSH” asked by Shri Lavu Sri Krashna Devarayalu and others- Reg.

(a)	Whether the Government is aware that majority of Indians prefer Allopathy over AYUSH despite India being the pioneer in AYUSH system of medicine, if so, the details thereof;	Do not pertain to HPL
(b)	Whether the Government has any plan to change this trend since AYUSH medicines are effective in treating life style related diseases and have cause very limited side effects;	Do not pertain to HPL
(c)	Whether Government has establishment state-of-the-art laboratories for advance research on AYUSH medicines, if so , the details thereof;	Do not pertain to HPL
(d)	The other measures being taken by the Government to popularize AYUSH system of medicine in the country;	Do not pertain to HPL
(e)	Whether the Government is aware that the demand for yoga professionals are increasing gradually, if so, the details thereof;	Do not pertain to HPL
(f)	The efforts being made by the Government to open yoga centres in all the cities and popularize yoga among people; and	Do not pertain to HPL
(g)	Whether the Government also proposes to establish yoga centres in rural areas for the benefit of rural populations as presently such centres are available in urban areas only?	Do not pertain to HPL

Sub:- Provisionally Admitted Rajya sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. S5088 for 10.12.2019 on the subject "Consultants working with the Ministry".

(a)	How many full time consultants and / or advisors are currently working with the Ministry and it's various Departments and Autonomous Bodies/Institutions and Public sector Organisations associated with it as 31 st August, 2019.	NIL
(b)	Since when they are working and what is the total amount of honorarium/salary/fees being awarded to them, the department/Institution-wise details thereof; and	NA
(c)	What is the mechanism-if-any-of assessing their performance periodically?	NA

Sub:- Rajya sabha admitted Starred Question No. *201 for 06.12.2019 regarding "Protection of Traditional Knowledge under India's IPR Policy"-reg.

(a)	Whether studies have been undertaken by Government in the last three years to determine the appropriateness and extent of applying the existing laws to protecting Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions, as per India's Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy;	NIL
(b)	If so, the details thereof; and	NA
(c)	The initiatives undertaken by Government to nurture Human Capital in relation to intellectual property, as per India's IPR Policy. The details thereof?	NA

Sub:- Rajya Sabha Provisionally Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No. S1659 for answer on 11.02.2020 regarding “Banning usage of un-approved AYUSH medicines” reg..

(a)	Whether it is a fact that the AYUSH medicines are being used for centuries without any approval by any authorized laboratory; and	As far as Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory is concerned, we receive samples from various Government agencies for checking the quality of Homoeopathic Drugs. Based on the standards mentioned in the Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeias and as per Drugs & Cosmetics Act & Rules their under, the received Drugs are being tested whether they are of standards quality or not.
(b)	If so, whether Government would consider to ban the usage of AYUSH medicines being used without any approval of authorised and to establish laboratories for approval of such medicines, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefore.	Do not pertain to Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.

Sub:- Lok Sabha starred Question No. 96 for 07.02.2020 regarding “inclination towards Allopathy Treatment” raised Shri ANIL FIROJIYA, SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA- Reg.

(a)	Whether the Government is aware that a large number of people in rural and urban areas are still inclined towards Allopathic treatment ;	Do not pertain to HPL
(b)	If so, reasons there for and the response of the Government thereto;	Do not pertain to HPL
(c)	Whether the Government has started any new schemes to change this inclination and to propagate the use of AYUSH medicines in the treatment of life style diseases, being effective and not having side effects;	Do not pertain to HPL
(d)	Whether the Government has set up ultra modern laboratories for the advanced research on AYUSH medicines and if so, the details thereof; and	Do not pertain to HPL
(e)	The steps taken by the Government to popularize yoga among the youth in urban areas?	Do not pertain to HPL

Sub : Rajya sabha Unstarred Question No. 966 for 11.02.2020 regarding "Integration of Indian System of medical treatment with Western System".

(a)	Whether there still remains skepticism with regard to reliability on Indian medicinal system despite herculean efforts made by Government in recent years;	Do not pertain to Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.
(b)	If so, the steps which are under way to develop faith in Indian medicinal system among the people by way of production and marketing of clinically tested Ayurvedic, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy medicines; and	Do not pertain to Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.
(c)	Whether Government has any plan to go in for integration of Indian medicinal system with Western medicinal system besides diagnostic tests on the basis of condition of the patients as has been tried in China and if so, the details thereof;	Do not pertain to Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.

Sub : Rajya sabha admitted Starred Question No. 94 (4th Position) previously Diary No.S1559 for 11.02.2020 regarding "New Schemes of the Ministry"-reg

(a)	The new schemes implemented by the Ministry during the last five years, the details thereof;	Do not pertain to Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.
(b)	The schemes implemented previously but have now been modified;	Do not pertain to Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.
(c)	The deatils of such modifications, scheme-wise; and	NA
(d)	The impact of the modifications introduced in these schemes and the details thereof?	NA

Sub:- Rajya Sabha Provisionally admitted Starred/Unstarred Question Dy.No.U1453 for 03.03.2020 regarding "Remedies to combat the spread of Coronavirus" raised by Shri Tiruchi Siva, MP (Rajya Sabha)-regarding.

(a)	The details of the scientific basis for the treatments and precautions given to combat the new Coronavirus through a notification;	Do not pertain to Homoeopathic Pharmacopeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad
(b)	Whether there has been any research done by the Ministry of AYUSH on the effectiveness of the treatments and precautionary methods suggested; and	
(c)	if so, the details of such research and backing for the treatment and precautionary measures suggested?	

Sub:- Rajya Sabha Provisionally admitted Starred/Unstarred Question Dy.No.S2462 for 02.03.2020 regarding "Setting up of MSME clusters" -regarding.

(a)	Whether Government is considering setting up of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises across the country, if so, the details thereof and by what time these clusters are proposed to be set up; and	Do not pertain to Homoeopathic Pharmacopeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad
(b)	The number of such clusters will be set up in Bihar and whether the areas in Bihar have been identified for setting up of such clusters, if so, the details thereof?	

Sub:- Rajya Sabha Provisionally admitted Starred/Unstarred Question Dy.No.S2007 for 03.03.2020 regarding "AYUSH medicines for preventing Coronavirus infection" raised by Dr. Santanu Sen, MP (Rajya Sabha) -regarding

(a)	The basis on which the Ministry issued advisory for Homoeopathy, Unani & Ayurveda medicine for prevention of Coronavirus infection; and	Do not pertain to Homoeopathic Pharmacopeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.
(b)	The scientific data on the safety & efficacy of those medicines?	

Sub: RajyaSabhaProvisionally admitted Starred / Unstarred Question Dy.No.S2482 for 03.03.2020 regarding “Innovative measure taken up by AYUSH Ministry” raised by Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe, MP (RajyaSabha), reg.

(a)	Whether any kind of new and innovative measures have been undertaken by the Ministry in general and / or its various departments or PSUs and autonomous bodies associated with it to improve work culture, bring more transparency and accountability and also enhance result orientation, during the last five years;	Yes, new and innovative measures have been undertaken by Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia laboratory, Ghaziabad												
(b)	If so, the details thereof; and	<p>i) Under the SwachaBahrat Mission, HPL has constituted the Swachahta Audit Team to examine the cleanliness and hygienic condition at the workstation and office premises. Also every officials are participating once in a week to make clean and hygienic their workstation along with office premises. Resulting of this, officials are now more aware about to make hygienic environment at their workplace and also in their home.</p> <p>ii) A small session of Yoga has been organised for officials to make them healthy and to make strength to cope up the work stress. Resulting of this, officials along with their family members are regularly practising Yoga to make themselves healthy and stress-free.</p> <p>iii) To develop the unformal bilateral communication among the officers and staff regarding the problems faced and appropriate solutions pertaining to their office work, small groups in each sections has been created. These groups are led by the sections heads. Groups providing the healthy and positive environment among the officials and also help to improve the work culture and decision making.</p> <p>iv) To create awareness about Rules and Regulations involved in Vigilance issues and to maintain more transparency in the work, Vigilance awareness workshops are organising regularly. The officials attained the workshops are now more transparent towards their work.</p>												
(c)	the impact of these efforts?	<p>By applying new and innovative efforts mentioned in the point no (b) the following impact has been observed: <u>Impact on outcome:</u></p> <p>The work efficiency, decision making and output of the officials are enhanced, which are as follows:</p> <p>i) Testing of drug samples (Annexure-I):</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="683 1980 1497 2123"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>2015-16</th> <th>2016-17</th> <th>2017-18</th> <th>2018-19</th> <th>2019-20 (till Jan.)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>No. of sample tested</td> <td>335</td> <td>377</td> <td>489</td> <td>764</td> <td>433</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (till Jan.)	No. of sample tested	335	377	489	764	433
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		ii) Pharmacopoeial Standardization of drugs (Annexure-II):					
		Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (till Jan.)
		No of Drugs for Pharmacopoeial Standardization has been completed	50 H.P.I up-gradation work on monographs was carried out.			22	20 (10 completed in all aspects rest of 10 completed in botanical aspects)
		<u>Impact on Health:</u>					
		To develop awareness among the officials regarding the cleanliness & hygienic working conditions and YOGA practices, the improvement in the health and mental status of the officials has been observed, which are as followed:					
		Expenditure on the medical expenses of officials (Annexure-III):					
							In Lakh
		Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (till Jan.)
		Medical expenses	4.32	5.77	5.80	2.84	2.16

Sub:- Provisionally admitted Lok Sabha Starred /Unstarred Question Dy. No. 7059 for 06-03-2020 on the subject "Corona Virus"- reg.

(a)	Whether Government is considering setting up of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises across the country, if so, the details thereof and by what time these clusters are proposed to be set up; and	Do not pertain to Homoeopathic Pharmacopeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad
(b)	The number of such clusters will be set up in Bihar and whether the areas in Bihar have been identified for setting up of such clusters, if so, the details thereof?	