GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AYUSH

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.-648 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/02/2022

INITIATING POSITIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS OF ALLOPATHY AND AYUSH

648. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has ever taken any concrete steps to organise long-term dialogue between the practitioners of different systems of medical treatment to lay a path ahead to effectively treat patients suffering with diseases of serious nature;
- (b) if not, what is the take of Government on this proposal for the sake of keeping human beings free from illness; and
- (c) whether Government would set a high-level working group of medical experts and representatives of premier research institutions belonging to different systems of medicinal treatment?

ANSWER

MINISTRY OF AYUSH (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (c):

- (i) In order to have an interface with other systems of medicine with regard to education and medical practice there is provision for having joint sittings amongst the three Commissions in the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine, Act, 2020, the National Commission for Homoeopathy Act, 2020 and the National Medical Commission Act, 2019.
- (ii)In order to address the most vulnerable disease Cancer, An MoUwas signed between All India Institute of Ayurveda, Ministry of Ayush and National Cancer Institute (NCI) at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jhajjar for establishment of Ayurveda and Integrative Oncology at National Cancer Institute, Jhajjar. This will unfold the potentiality of integration of the systems.
- (iii) In order to enable choice to the patients for different systems of medicines under single window, Government of India has adopted a strategy of Colocation of Ayush facilities at

Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs). The engagement of Ayush Doctors/ paramedics and their training is supported by the Department of Health & Family Welfare, while the support for Ayush infrastructure, equipment / furniture and medicines are provided by Ministry of Ayush under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM). Similarly, Ministry is also operationalizing Ayush Health & Wellness Centres by upgrading Ayush dispensaries and existing Sub health centres through NAM under collaboration of Department of Health & Family Welfare.
