

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1123  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2016**

**HOMOEOPATHY FOR HEALTHY CHILD**

**1123. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to implement a programme called 'Homoeopathy for Healthy Child' (HHC) in selected districts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the salient features of HHC and the names of districts where programme is proposed to be implemented;
- (c) whether there has been any proposal for implementing HHC in all districts of the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

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

- (a): Yes, Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) an autonomous research institute under Ministry of AYUSH has implemented a programme called 'Homeopathy for Healthy Child' (HHC) in selected districts of the country.
- (b): Details are at Annexure.
- (c) & (d): HHC is only a Pilot Project and there is no proposal at present to implement HHC in all districts of the country.

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## Annexure

### **HOMOEOPATHY FOR HEALTHY CHILD**

#### **Summary**

Under the direction of Ministry of AYUSH, Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) has developed a program on Homoeopathy for Healthy Child. The program has 2 components namely, 'Homoeopathy for teething complaints in children' and 'Integration of Homoeopathy with Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK)'. The component on 'Homoeopathy for teething complaints in children' focuses on children in the age group of 6 months to 3 years and aims at promotion of healthy teething by using bio-chemic medicines. Teething associated problems such as diarrhea, fever, loss of appetite, irritability etc. are treated with homeopathic medicines. The component on 'Integration of Homoeopathy with RBSK' focuses on children in the age group of 0 to 18 years and aims at screening, early detection and early intervention of defects, delays, deficiencies and diseases identified under RBSK. The program is being undertaken on pilot mode in 10 blocks in 6 districts as follows:

<b>Sl. no.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Coordinating CCRH centre</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>Blocks identified</b>
1	Assam	RRI Guwahati	Kamrup	Dhirenpara, Central Zone block
2	Delhi	CCRH Headquarters	New Delhi	Delhi Cantonment & Nangal Raya Zone
3	Maharashtra	RRI Mumbai	Palghar	Vikramgarh
4	Odisha	RRI Puri through DPRU, Bhubaneswar	Cuttack	Niali, Kantapada
5	Uttar Pradesh	CRI Noida	Gautam Budh Nagar	Bisrakh, Dadri
		HDRI Lucknow through Clinical Trial Unit Gorakhpur	Gorakhpur	Bhatahat, Chargwan

The *Auxiliary Nursing Midwifery* (ANM) and Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers in these blocks have been trained, where in, common problems associated with primary teething were detailed and the use of homoeopathic medicine kits have been detailed. The participants have been provided with the medicine kits and data recording registers and subsequently data are being collected and compiled. Nodal officers have been identified at each centre, who are in regular communication with the ASHAs. The Anganwadi workers in the blocks have been sensitized of the teething related problems in children and have been requested to refer such cases to the local PHC or to the ANM/ASHA in case of children developing teething related complaints.

The homoeopathy doctors in the identified districts have also been sensitized about the program being conducted and how ANM & ASHA have been trained on the use of medicine kits. They have been requested to coordinate with the ANM & ASHAs in the respective PHCs so that children suffering from dentition related complaints or other complaints can be referred to the homoeopathy doctors as and when required.

All these programs were conducted in coordination with the district and block level authorities. Experts from homoeopathy, pediatrics and dentistry or community medicine were the resource persons in these programs.

More than 40,000 children have been enrolled whose records are being maintained by the ASHAs. The children in the age group of 6 months to 1 year are being given Calcarea phos 6X on regular basis to promote healthy dentition. Children above the age of 1 year are being given Calcarea phos 6X in case of teething related complaints. Children with minor episodes of diarrhea have been given homoeopathic medicines in consultation with the homoeopathic physicians. No adverse effects of the medicines have been reported so far.

The nodal officers of the program have been trained on undertaking screening of children for 4 Ds (defects, developmental delays, deficiencies and diseases) as outlined under the RBSK. The development of block level micro plans for implementation of activities on Integration of homoeopathy with RBSK is in progress. 'Child Friendly Clinics' are being established at identified centres.

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