

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1286
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH MARCH, 2015**

**EFFECTIVENESS OF HOMOEOPATHIC
MEDICINES AGAINST MASS EPIDEMICS**

1286. DR. T.N. SEEMA:

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

- (a) whether homoeopathic medicine had always proved as effective deterrents against mass epidemics like swine flu and brain fever;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction regarding homoeopathy's help in tackling the H1N1 outbreak;
- (c) whether Government has conducted or plan to conduct any study on the effectiveness of homoeopathy to prevent or cure swine flu;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the States which have taken initiative in distributing homoeopathic medicines to tackle swine flu during the current year and the success rate so far?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Homoeopathic medicine were used during epidemic outbreaks for their prevention and treatment with beneficial effects. As regards swine flu and brain fever, there is anecdotal evidence suggesting positive preventive effects of homoeopathic medicines but have not yet been published. An expert group met

recently and based on symptomatology of few diagnosed cases of H1N1 suggested homoeopathic medicine 'Arsenic Album' for prevention of flu like illness including swine flu. The details regarding intake and hygienic measures were publicized. Further, the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) an autonomous organization under the Ministry of AYUSH has published reports on their two pre-clinical studies on Japanese encephalitis, i.e., a form of brain fever. Two more research works has already been undertaken by CCRH.

(c) & (d): Collaborative studies on influenza like illness(ILI) and H1N1, conducted by CCRH, during pandemic of H1N1 in 2009 resulted in identification of specific homoeopathic medicines. A multicentre randomized placebo controlled trial with individualized homoeopathic treatment in ILI has also been conducted.

CCRH has also initiated following action to strengthen their research work:

- (i) Data collection during current epidemic.
 - (ii) Development of virology and microbiology laboratories to supplement and confirm anecdotal evidences.
 - (iii) Establishment of an epidemic cell.
- (e): No such information has been received from the States.

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