

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1769
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2015**

BANNING OF HOMOEOPATHY MEDICINES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

1769. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Germany and Britain have banned medicines of homoeopathy system of medicine;
- (b) if so, why these medicines are not banned in India and the reasons for ban abroad;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that many medicines of allopathy system of medicines are also banned likewise but they are being used here arbitrarily; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that allopathy does not have any cure for swine flu and dengue fever, if so, the reasons for not exploring ayurvedic medicines for their treatment?

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

(a) & (b): Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, an autonomous body under the Ministry of AYUSH, has informed that Homoeopathic medicine has been recognized in Germany and Britain. Homeopathy was recognized by German law in the Medicinal Products Act as a particular therapeutic approach. Similarly, Faculty of Homeopathy is an officially established training course in the United Kingdom, by Act of Parliament.

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(c): The Drugs Controller General India under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has informed that the drugs are prohibited/ restricted in a country depending on aspects like side effects reported, availability of alternatives, overall safety, efficacy profile of the drug etc. in that country. As and when safety issues of any drug are reported in the literature/Medical journals/WHO etc. the matter is examined by the Expert Committee/Drug Technical Advisory Board considering the above aspects and decision is taken regarding continued marketing of the drug.

(d): According to information rendered by Drugs Controller General India (DCGI), allopathic drugs are approved for treatment/prevention of H1N1 influenza (swine flu) and there are allopathic drugs manufactured/marketed in the countries which are used as supportive therapy in dengue fever. Further, in view of large number of cases and deaths due to dengue being reported from various parts of the Country, Department of Health Research and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has constituted a Task Force to deliberate on the research gap related to the disease. AYUSH representatives have also been consulted.

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