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

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1935 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2017

#### NEW REGULATORS FOR HOMOEOPATHY AND AYURVEDA

#### 1935. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

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

- (a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to set up new regulators for Homoeopathy and Ayurveda;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the new regulators are likely to be set up;
- (c) whether it is also proposed to set up a National Commission for Indian Systems of Medicines and National Commission for Homoeopathy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes. Creation of central regulatory framework for Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathic (ASU&H) drugs is under way since Ministry of AYUSH notified the creation of twelve regulatory posts of Inspectors, Assistant Drug Controllers and Deputy Drug Controllers in February 2016 and the Recruitment Rules for these posts are in the process of approval. Meanwhile AYUSH Officers of the Ministry have been given additional charge since November 2016 to undertake the regulatory tasks in accordance with the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder pertaining to ASU&H drugs. Due to involvement of a number of procedural steps and interdepartmental approvals the timelines for setting up and operationalizing the said regulatory framework in a regular manner cannot be anticipated.
- (c) & (d): Government set up a Committee comprising of Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog, Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog and Secretary (AYUSH) to examine the working of two regulatory bodies namely, Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM) and Central Council of Homoeopathy (CCH) and their governing legislations namely, Indian Medicine Central Council Act 1970 and Homoeopathy Central Council Act 1973 respectively for suggesting suitable reforms. The Committee has recommended for creating National Commission for Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy on the lines of proposed National Medical Commission.