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Pharmacopoeias & Formularies containing monographs and formulations of AYUSH drugs are being published by the Government: Shri Shripad Naik

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The Government has established Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy under the Ministry of AYUSH. Prime mandate of the Pharmacopoeia Commission is to steer the work of developing quality standards of Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathic drugs and publish and revise Ayurvedic & other Pharmacopoeias, Formularies and regulatory compendia of these drugs. Pharmacopoeia Committees and Pharmacopoeia Laboratories of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy are in place for development of respective standards and to undertake quality analysis of Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathic medicines.

National Medicinal Plants Board is established under the aegis of Ministry of AYUSH to coordinate and support cultivation, conservation, resource augmentation and sustainable development of medicinal plants for making available quality raw materials to the AYUSH drug industry. Financial assistance is provided for these activities through Central Sector Scheme and Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission and technical guidelines have been published and disseminated to promote scientific development, cultivation and harvesting of medicinal plants.

Government has published Pharmacopoeias & Formularies containing standards of drugs and Good Manufacturing Practices are prescribed under the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules, 1945, both of which are mandatory for the industry to comply in the manufacturing of Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathic medicines. Ayurvedic pharmacopoeia contains monographs of 645 single drugs and 202 compound formulations; Unani Pharmacopoeia contains monographs of 298 single drugs and 150 compound formulations; Siddha pharmacopoeia contains monographs of 139 single drugs and Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia contains 1117 monographs. Similarly, Ayurvedic Formulary contains 985 standardised formulations, Unani Formulary contains 1229 standardised formulations and Siddha Formulary contains 399 standardised formulations.

This information was given by the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH, Shri ShripadYesso Naik in written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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