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Honorable Shripad Y. Naik
Union Minister of State (Ind. Charge)
Ministry of AYUSH
Govt. of India

July 3, 2019

Subject: *Correction needed in the nomination form filled for inclusion of Sowa-Rigpa under UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list.*

Honorable Sir,

Greetings from Dharamsala, *Dev-Bhoomi* Himachal Pradesh!

At the very outset, we extend our deep appreciation to the Government of India for its instrumental role in furtherance of promotion of *Sowa-Rigpa* practices in India by according legal recognition in the year 2010. It is also a matter of pride and honor to the *Sowa-Rigpa* tradition for having conferred prestigious "Padma Shri Award" to Dr. Yeshe Dhondhen (*Sowa-Rigpa* Tibetan physician) in the year 2018.

Today, we would like to make a humble submission that the Kashag of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) has been approached by the Central Council of Tibetan Medicine (CCTM) on the matter concerning misrepresentations of historical fact on *Sowa-Rigpa* origin, its range, coverage and source of fundamental text etc. in the recent nomination form submitted for inclusion of *Sowa-Rigpa* under UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list.

Therefore, CTA strongly feels and urge you to kindly revisit through those explanatory notes filled in the form and accordingly make the required changes as requested by CCTM.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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President
Central Tibetan Administration