

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2082
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST JANUARUY, 2019**

PEOPLE UTILISING AYUSH SYSTEM OF MEDICINE

2082. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR:

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

- (a) the percentage of people utilising/ approaching AYUSH system of medicine in the country;
- (b) whether Governmental patronage is required to reach more people and improve the quality of care through AYUSH system and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the AYUSH system can be instrumental in achieving universal health coverage in India; and
- (d) if so, the response of Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per key indicators of the NSS 71st round on Social Consumption on Health in India conducted during January- June 2014, it was found that higher inclination towards allopathy treatment was prevalent (around 90% in both the sectors). Only 5 to 7 percent usage of 'other' including AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga or Naturopathy Unani, Siddha and homoeopathy) has been reported both in rural and urban area. It was however, interesting to note higher usage (1.5 percentage point) of such 'Other' treatment by urban male than its rural counterpart while less usage of the same (0.8 percentage point) by urban female than rural female. Moreover, untreated spell was higher in rural (both for male and female) than urban.

(b) to (d) Yes, Ministry of AYUSH is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) through States/UTs to reach more people and improve the quality of care through AYUSH system. For achieving Universal health coverage in India, the strength of

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AYUSH system of medicine need to be adequately integrated into healthcare system. In this regard, State/UT Governments may avail financial assistance by submitting the proposal through State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per NAM guidelines. Further, the Mission *inter-alia* makes provision for the following activities: -

- (i) Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centers (PHCs), Community Health Centers (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs).
- (ii) Up gradation of exclusive State Government AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries.
- (iii) Setting up of up to 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospital.
- (iv) Supply of essential drugs to AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries
- (v) Behavior Change Communication (BCC)
- (vi) Public Health Outreach activity
- (vii) AYUSH Gram
- (viii) School Health Programme
- (ix) Upgradation of State Government Educational Institutions.
- (x) Setting up of new State Government AYUSH Educational Institutions in the State where it is not available.
- (xi) Strengthening of State Government/ Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU&H) Pharmacies and Drug Testing Laboratories (DTL).
- (xii) Cultivation and Promotion of Medicinal Plants.

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