

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 926  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**

**EXAMINING THE WORKING OF THE AYUSH MINISTRY**

**926. SHRI C. M. RAMESH:**

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

- (a) whether the AYUSH Ministry has achieved the desired results over the years for which it was constituted and the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government would appoint an Expert Committee to look into the whole gamut of the AYUSH Ministry and suggest remedial steps so that the spirit behind constituting the AYUSH Ministry is achieved and the people are benefited from it?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Yes. The Ministry of AYUSH is responsible for policy formulation, development and implementation of programmes for growth, development and propagation of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) systems of Health Care. Further, formation of an independent Ministry in 2014 has resulted in increased visibility of the AYUSH Systems and a more focused attention on their promotion and development to optimum potential besides giving a boost to propagation and popularization of the system. Thus, the Ministry has achieved the desired results over the years for which it was constituted. The results achieved over the years are as below:-

1) **Budgetary allocation:-** Total allocation of budget to AYUSH Ministry in last four years has increased from Rs. 685.21crore (2014-15) to Rs. 1692 crore (2018-19), marking corresponding growth in activities.

2) **National AYUSH Mission (NAM):-** In September, 2014, Central Government launched the National AYUSH Mission (NAM) for development of AYUSH Sector in a focused way through the State/UT Governments. 3454 Primary Health Centres (PHCs), 966 Community Health Centres (CHCs) and 416 District Hospitals (DHs) have been supported under co-location with AYUSH facilities in the past 4 years enabling more accessibility for AYUSH health care to the public.

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3) **International Co-operation:-** The Ministry of AYUSH has taken up liaison with foreign countries and international bodies with regard to matters relating Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy. The Ministry of AYUSH has signed Country to Country MoUs with 14 countries.

4) **Setting up of Central AYUSH Drugs Control Framework:-** To control quality of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani & Homoeopathy (ASU&H) drugs, Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) has been formed.

5) **Education reforms:-** The induction of students into Under-graduate and Post-graduate courses is being done through National Level Tests, i.e., National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) and All India AYUSH Post Graduate Entrance Test (AIAPGET) respectively.

6) **NAMASTE Portal: -** To make the clinical data generated by AYUSH system understandable to the whole world, Ministry of AYUSH has standardised the terminologies of AYUSH system on the internationally accepted platform of ICD, i.e., International Classification of Diseases. A portal namely, National AYUSH Morbidities and Standardized Terminologies Portal (NAMASTE) has been launched in this regard.

7) **Insurance Coverage for AYUSH Health Care services:-** To enhance the outreach of AYUSH health care services and provide benefits to marginalized sections of society, 27 insurance companies are offering 147+ insurance products.

8) **Establishing Higher Quality Standards for Excellence: -** To achieve excellence in AYUSH Health care services in the country, four National Institutes of AYUSH education and associated hospitals have got NABH accreditation.

(b): No. The need for such a Committee is not felt at present.

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