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

**RAJYA SABHA**
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1603**
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH March, 2021**

# ACTION PLAN FOR REVIVAL OF INDIGENOUS TRADITIONAL MEDICINE PRACTICES

1603 **SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the objective of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is to revive indigenous traditional medicine practices and AYUSH practices, so that public health system can be strengthened at all levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan adopted for revival of indigenous traditional medicine practices?

**ANSWER**
**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,**
**YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY**
**(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)**

(a): Revitalising local health traditions into public health system is one of the objective as envisaged in Framework for Implementation for NRHM. The Mainstreaming of AYUSH is one of the core strategies in National Rural Health Mission which seeks to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care to the rural population.

(b) & (c): Under National Health Mission (NHM)/ National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), engagement of Ayurveda Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) doctors/ paramedics is being supported, provided they are co-located with existing District Hospitals (DHs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) with priority given to remote PHCs and CHCs. Support for AYUSH medicines is also being provided at the AYUSH co-located health facilities. Information Education Communication (IEC)/ Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) activities for AYUSH are also being supported under NHM/NRHM. As on September, 2020, over 27000 AYUSH doctors and 4600 Paramedical Staff are supported under NHM at over 15,400 functional co-located facilities under NHM. Through all these activities, it is envisaged to revive the indigenous traditional medicine practices.