

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 170
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH JULY, 2022**

STATUS OF AYUSH TREATMENT IN THE COUNTRY

170. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Ayurvedic physicians who were recruited by UPSC in the last five years;
- (b) the number of patients who are taking Ayush treatment for the last five years, State-wise;
- (c) whether any critical treatment is undertaken in Ayush hospitals in the country; and
- (d) the reason for the poor response from the public for Ayush treatment and whether Government has taken any initiative to educate people of the advantages of Ayush treatment?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

- (a) As per the information received from UPSC, a total of 61(sixty one) Ayurvedic physicians were recommended by UPSC during the last five years against 61 requisitioned vacancies.
- (b) As Public Health is a State subject, the state-wise data regarding the number of patients who are taking Ayush treatment for the last five years is not available in the Ministry of Ayush.
- (c) As Public Health is a State subject, the information regarding critical treatment undertaken in Ayush hospitals in the country is not available in the Ministry of Ayush.

However, the All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Ayush has Centre for Integrative Cancer Therapy, Centre for Integrative Dentistry, Centre for Integrative Critical Care and Emergency Medicine, Centre for Integrative Dietetics and Nutrition and Casualty OPD Section.

Also, National Institute of Homoeopathy, Kolkata an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Ayush provides critical treatment like terminal illness in cancer, Chronic obstructive Pulmonary diseases, Heart disease, Auto immune diseases, Chronic Kidney diseases etc.

- (d) Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for development and promotion of Ayush system and providing financial assistance to them as per the proposals received in their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). The Mission inter-alia makes provision for the following: -
 - i. Ayush Health & Wellness Centres.
 - ii. Co-location of Ayush facilities at PHCs, CHCs and DHs.

- iii. Upgradation of existing standalone Government Ayush Hospitals.
- iv. Upgradation of existing Government/Panchayat/Government aided Ayush Dispensaries/Construction of building for existing Ayush Dispensary (Rented/dilapidated accommodation)/Construction of building to establish new Ayush Dispensary.
- v. Setting up of upto 10/30/50 bedded integrated Ayush Hospitals.
- vi. Supply of essential drugs to Government Ayush Hospitals, Government Dispensaries and Government/Government aided Teaching Institutional Ayush Hospitals.
- vii. Ayush Public Health Programmes.
- viii. Behaviour Change Communication (BCC).
- ix. Mobility support at State and District level.
- x. Ayush Gram.
- xi. Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate Institutions
- xii. Infrastructural development of Ayush Post-Graduate Institutions/ add on PG/ Pharmacy/Para-Medical Courses

The State/ UT Government may avail financial assistance by submitting proposals through State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per NAM guidelines.

Further the autonomous organizations under the Ministry of Ayush have taken significant steps to educate the general public through various outreach activities like organizing medical camps, patient awareness programmes, distribution of free medicines to the public, Radio/TV talks and organizing public health initiatives periodically.