

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.645
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th DECEMBER, 2022**

ABSENCE OF REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN NCH

645. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

Will the **MINISTRY OF AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that office-bearers of National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH) are from private institutions or autonomous bodies and many of them are with little or no experience of policy making at national level;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that NCH has no representation of women even though 70 per cent of Homoeopathy students are women; and
- (c) whether Government would consider appointing some more senior level Central Government officers, especially women, from the cadre of Ministry of Ayush / GDMO (AYUSH/ CHS/CGHS) to NCH since they are screened and selected through rigorous process by UPSC?

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

(a) Office bearers of National Commission for Homoeopathy are recruited as per the provisions of NCH Act, 2020 and are from all sectors including Government Organization/Autonomous bodies as well as from Private Institutions.

All the office-bearers of NCH are possessing qualifications and experience as prescribed in NCH Act, 2020 for the respective posts. The prescribed qualifications for Chairperson of the Commission is postgraduate degree in Homoeopathy from a recognized University with experience of not less than twenty years in the field of Homoeopathy, out of which at least ten years shall be as a leader in the area of healthcare delivery, growth and development of Homoeopathy or its education. However, the prescribed qualification for President and Members of the Autonomous Boards of NCH is post-graduate degree in respective disciplines from a recognized University with experience of not less than fifteen years in respective fields, out of which at least seven years shall be as a leader. Selection for the various posts of the NCH has been made accordingly.

The various posts of National Commission for Homeopathy (NCH) were advertised in employment News and other leading newspapers across the country to invite applications and all the candidates including Officers from Central Government, Autonomous bodies and private institutions fulfilling the eligibility criteria for the respective posts were eligible to apply. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the various appointments made under NCH.

(b) No, NCH is having women representatives also. Two of the Ex-officio Members of NCH i.e. Advisor (Homeopathy), Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India and Director, North Eastern Institute on Ayurveda and Homeopathy, Shillong are women having long professional experience. All other posts of NCH are also open for both men and women.

(c) Recruitment process for filling up of existing vacancies of Part-time members of NCH and Members of Various Autonomous Boards of NCH is already under Process. For this Central Government had published an advertisement on 16.07.2022 and all the candidates including Central Government employees both men or women even from the cadre of Ministry of Ayush/GDMO (AYUSH/CHS/CGHS) fulfilling the eligibility criteria for the respective posts were eligible to apply. The applications received for the various posts in the NCH will be examined by the Search Committee constituted under the provisions of the Act. After examining all the applications, the Search Committee will submit the report/proposal which will be forwarded to Appointments Committee of the Cabinet for approval.
