

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.651
ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2022**

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR AYUSH SECTOR IN ASSAM

651. SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN:

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

(a) whether Government has decided to allocate additional funds for enhancing AYUSH sector in Assam or has decided to augment capacity of various existing institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has decided to allocate additional funds for Medical Colleges in Assam;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has also decided to allot funds for Medical Colleges for research in preventive medicine for COVID-19; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, along with the policy of Government for developing medicine for COVID-19 in homoeopathy?

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

(a) & (b): Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to enhance the AYUSH sector in Assam lies with the respective State Governments. However, Government of India is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments to develop and promote AYUSH in the country including Assam. The Mission *inter-alia* makes the following provisions for the development and promotion of AYUSH:

(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) Establishment of new AYUSH colleges in the States where availability of AYUSH teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector
- (xii) Infrastructural development of AYUSH Under-Graduate Institutions
- (xiii) Infrastructural development of AYUSH Post-Graduate Institutions/ add on PG/ Pharmacy/Para-Medical Courses

Under NAM, a grant-in-aid of Rs. 9428.148 lakhs has been released to State Government of Assam for the implementation of different activities as per the proposals received through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs).

(c) to (f): Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India deals with a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for (i) Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals; (ii) Up-gradation of existing State Government/Central Government medical colleges to increase MBBS seats in the country; and (iii) Strengthening and up-gradation of State Government Medical colleges for starting new PG disciplines and increasing PG seats. The above schemes are dealt in collaboration with State/UT Governments.

Under the scheme (i) establishment of new medical colleges, 157 medical colleges have been approved in three phases including 05 medical colleges in Assam as per the details given below:-

(Rs.in Crores)

	District/Phase	Approved Cost	Central Share (90%)	Total amount released	Status
1	Dhubri (Phase-I)	189.00	170.10	170.10	Functional
2	Nagaon (Phase-I)	189.00	170.10	170.10	Not Functional
3	North Lakhimpur (Phase-I)	189.00	170.10	170.10	Functional
4	Diphu (Phase-I)	189.00	170.10	170.10	Functional
5	Kokrajhar (Phase-III)	325.00	292.50	242.50	Not Functional
		1081.00	972.90	922.90	

Under the scheme (iii) increase of PG seats, a total of 143 PG seats have been approved to be increased in Assam as per the details given below: -

(Rs.in Crores)

S N	Name of the Medical College	Total Cost	Central Share	No. of PG seats to be created	No. of PG seats created	Total Released
1.	Silchar Medical College, Silchar	16.74	13.2144	47	32	13.2144
2	Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh	25.57	21.0965	66	33	21.0965
3	Guwahati Medical College, Guwahati	4.89	4.0345	30	30	4.0345
	Total	47.2	38.3454	143	95	38.3454

Further, as per the MoU signed with State Government, any amount in excess of the approved cost is to be borne by the State Government itself. Therefore, there is no provision available for allotment of funds over and above the approved cost.

Further, the Ministry of Ayush issued advisories on AYUSH interventions including Homoeopathy for prophylaxis and management of Covid-19. Director Generals of Research Councils and Directors of National Institutes with their team of experts have prepared guidelines for Registered Practitioners of respective systems of AYUSH including Homoeopathy and the same is vetted by the Inter-disciplinary AYUSH Research and Development Taskforce of the Ministry of Ayush. These guidelines are made available in the public domain to benefit registered AYUSH practitioners including Homoeopathy to help in the management of the COVID-19 pandemic uniformly. Ministry of Ayush has also released AYUSH recommendations for the public on holistic health and well-being, Preventive measures and care during COVID-19 & LONG COVID-19.
