

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1284  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01/08/2023**

**“AYUSH HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRES”**

**1284: DR. ANIL JAIN:**

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

- (a) the number of people being benefited from the WHO-Global Centre for Traditional Medicine established by the World Health Organization;
- (b) whether Government is working on a plan for a health policy;
- (c) by when the National Ayush Mission was started; and
- (d) the number of Ayush health and wellness centres that are planned to be set up across the country and the likely expenditure to be incurred thereon?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The WHO GCTM will provide global health leadership to India and WHO member states to strengthen the evidence-based foundation of Traditional Medicinal systems and services and provide technical guidance and country support for implementation to generate greater impact for health and wellbeing.
- (b) The Government of India has released the National Health Policy (NHP) in 2017 to inform, clarify, strengthen and prioritize the role of the Government in shaping health systems in all its dimensions- investments in health, organization of healthcare services, prevention of diseases and promotion of good health through cross sectoral actions, access to technologies, developing human resources, encouraging medical pluralism, building knowledge base, developing better financial protection strategies, strengthening regulation and health assurance.
- (c) Ministry of Ayush launched the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) on 15 September, 2014 for implementation through State/UT Governments.
- (d) The Union Cabinet approved the proposal to operationalize 12,500 AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres (AHWCs) by upgrading existing AYUSH dispensaries and sub health centres through State/UT Governments under Ayushman Bharat as a component of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) in a phased manner from 2019-20 to 2023-24 with a financial outlay of Rs. 3399.35 Crores (Central Share –Rs. 2209.58 Crore and State share – Rs. 1189.77 Crore).

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