

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2082
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH AUGUST, 2023**

DEVELOPMENT OF SIDDHA MEDICINE AND CENTRES

2082 SHRI P. WILSON:

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

- (a) the funds for development of Siddha medicine and centres particularly for the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the plans put in place for sanctioning and providing more grants for Siddha in Tamil Nadu and other parts of the country;
- (c) the steps taken to differentiate between Ayurvedic practitioners and MBBS doctors as per Supreme Court verdict; and
- (d) the steps taken to promote Ayurvedic practices in the country?

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

(a): The Ministry of Ayush has established National Institute of Siddha (NIS) at Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) at Chennai, Tamil Nadu and to develop Siddha system of medicine in the Country. The following peripheral Institutes/Units of CCRS are functioning in Tamil Nadu:

- i. Siddha Central Research Institute, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ii. Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu.
- iii. Siddha Medicinal Plants Garden, Mettur Dam, Tamil Nadu.

Funds allocated to CCRS & NIS is given at Annexure - I:

(b): As compared to previous Financial Year (2022-23), an additional amount of Rs. 40.41 Crores has been allocated in this Financial Year (2023-24) to the organizations situated in Tamil Nadu (CCRS&NIS). This Ministry provides grants for Siddha in Tamil Nadu and other parts of the country, if proposals are as per eligibility criteria.

(c): Ministry of Ayush, Government of India is the cadre controlling authority for Ayush Doctors posted in Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS). These Doctors are getting the benefits of salary and allowances at par with Doctors of modern medicine deployed by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India in CGHS. The Ayush Doctors are given time bound promotions under the Dynamic Assured Career Progression (DACP) scheme at par with the Doctors of modern medicine. The Government has also enhanced the retirement age of Ayush Doctors from 60 years to 65 years at par with the Doctors of modern medicine. Further, Public Health is a State subject, the appointment of AYUSH doctors and fixation of their salary comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments.

(d): The Ministry of Ayush has established the following Ayurveda academic institutes for generating institutionally qualified Ayurveda practitioners to promote Ayurveda practice in the country.

- i. National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur, Rajasthan
- ii. All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi
- iii. Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar, Gujarat
- iv. North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Homeopathy (NEIAH), Shillong, Meghalaya
- v. North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Folk Medicine Research (NEIAFMR), Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh
- vi. Satellite centre of AIIA, New Delhi at Goa
- vii. Satellite centre of NIA, Jaipur at Panchkula, Haryana

Annexure – I**Funds allocated to CCRS & NIS by this Ministry:**

S.No	Financial Year	(Amount in Crores)		
		CCRS	NIS	Total
1	2014-15	24.01	23.00	47.01
2	2015-16	19.6	26.00	45.60
3	2016-17	17.35	25.00	42.35
4	2017-18	24.38	28.84	53.22
5	2018-19	29.94	35.50	65.44
6	2019-20	31.96	50.56	82.52
7	2020-21	34.99	47.58	82.57
8	2021-22	38.82	44.76	83.58
9	2022-23	43.57	59.01	102.58
	Total	264.62	340.25	604.87