

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 169
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2023**

AYUSH HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES

169. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

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

- (a) the number of AYUSH doctors practising NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY, added/registered in the country in since 2014;
- (b) the total number of AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries functioning across the country, State-wise, especially in Tamil Nadu in the last five years;
- (c) whether Government proposes to set up new naturopathy hospitals and All India Institute of Ayurveda in the country, especially in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to link healthcare facilities of AYUSH with the mainstream?

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

(a): The number of NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY Registered Practitioners (Doctors) in the country as on 01.01.2014 and as on 01.01.2022, as reported by State/UT Boards/Councils is furnished at **Annexure-I**.

(b): The total number of Ayush hospitals and dispensaries in the country, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu, as on 01.04.2022, as per the data received from State/UT Governments is furnished at **Annexure-II**.

(c): Public Health being a State subject, setting up of new hospital in the country including Tamil Nadu comes under the purview of the respective State/UT Governments. However, under National Ayush Mission (NAM), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of this Ministry, there is a provision of financial assistance for setting up of 10/30/50 bedded integrated Ayush hospitals. State/UT Governments may avail the eligible financial assistance by submitting the suitable proposals through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per the provisions of NAM guidelines.

(d): The important steps taken by the Ministry to link healthcare facilities of Ayush with the mainstream:-

1. Government of India has adopted a strategy of Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs), thus enabling the choice to the patients for different systems of medicines under a single window. The engagement of Ayush doctors/ paramedics and their training is supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under National Health Mission (NHM), while the support for Ayush infrastructure, equipment/ furniture and medicines are provided by the Ministry of Ayush under National Ayush Mission (NAM) as shared responsibilities.
2. Ministry of Ayush has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Defence/ Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE) to start Ayurveda OPD and 37 Ayurveda OPDs are established in Cantonment Board Hospitals/Dispensaries under DGDE in various Cantonments.
3. Ministry of Ayush has signed MoU with Ministry of Defence / Directorate General Armed Force Medical Services (DGAFMS) to extend the service of Ayurveda in the health establishments in MoD/DGAFMS as OPD service and 12 Ayurveda units are established in service hospitals under the Armed Forces Medical Services.
4. Ministry of Ayush has signed MoUs with Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Department of Science & Technology (DST), Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Rural Development.
5. National Ayush Inter-Ministerial Research Committee was formed under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (Ayush) along with Secretaries of DST, DBT, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Department of Commerce (DoC) and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC).

Annexure- I

**Total no. of Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy Registered Practitioners
(Doctors) in India**

| System Name | As on 01.01.2014 | As on 01.01.2022 |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Naturopathy | 1764 | 3933 |
| Unani | 47683 | 50053 |
| Siddha | 8173 | 9164 |
| Homoeopathy | 279518 | 320873 |

Source: State/UT Boards/Councils

**State/UT-wise total number of Ayush hospitals and dispensaries in the country
as on 01.04.2022**

| S. No. | State / UT | Total No. of Ayush hospitals | Total No. of Ayush dispensaries |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| A. States/Union Territories | | | |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 8 | 735 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 11 | 174 |
| 3 | Assam | 4 | 611 |
| 4 | Bihar | 8 | 1590 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 16 | 1094 |
| 6 | Delhi | 6 | 180 |
| 7 | Goa | 2 | 207 |
| 8 | Gujarat | 40 | 852 |
| 9 | Haryana | 17 | 830 |
| 10 | Himachal Pradesh | 34 | 1206 |
| 11 | Jammu & Kashmir | 10 | 594 |
| 12 | Jharkhand | 1 | 634 |
| 13 | Karnataka | 274 | 7641 |
| 14 | Kerala | 165 | 2170 |
| 15 | Madhya Pradesh | 77 | 1773 |
| 16 | Maharashtra | 149 | 486 |
| 17 | Manipur | 25 | 1 |
| 18 | Meghalaya | 12 | 95 |
| 19 | Mizoram | 10 | 21 |
| 20 | Nagaland | 6 | 46 |
| 21 | Odisha | 9 | 1191 |
| 22 | Punjab | 25 | 932 |
| 23 | Rajasthan | 138 | 4096 |
| 24 | Sikkim | 6 | 11 |
| 25 | Tamil Nadu | 295 | 1238 |
| 26 | Tripura | 7 | 110 |
| 27 | Uttar Pradesh | 1982 | 3761 |
| 28 | Uttarakhand | 433 | 562 |
| 29 | West Bengal | 20 | 2668 |
| 30 | A&N Islands | 3 | 37 |
| 31 | Chandigarh | 2 | 33 |
| 32 | D&N Haveli and Daman & Diu | 4 | 20 |
| 33 | Ladakh | 0 | 47 |
| 34 | Lakshadweep | 2 | 18 |
| 35 | Puducherry | 1 | 75 |
| 36 | Telangana | 11 | 834 |
| | TOTAL(A) | 3813 | 36573 |
| B. CGHS & Central Government Organizations | | 46 | 812 |
| TOTAL(A+B) | | 3859 | 37385 |

Source: State/UT Governments