

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH  
RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 171  
ANSWERED ON 05.12.2023**

**Ayushman saharak scheme**

**171 # Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote Ayushman Sahakar scheme to benefit farmers and small entrepreneurs engaged in AYUSH-based activities;
- (b) whether Government has created any dedicated funds or provisions for the Ayushman Sahakar scheme, and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any assessment or study of the impact of the Ayushman Sahakar scheme on the availability and accessibility of AYUSH services in rural areas; and
- (d) whether Government has established any monitoring or evaluation mechanisms for the Ayushman Sahakar scheme to assess its effectiveness and identify areas for improvement?

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

(a) National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), a statutory organization under the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, is implementing “Ayushman Sahakar” scheme. The scheme is fully funded and supported by NCDC. Under the scheme financial assistance is provided to cooperative having suitable provision in their bye-laws to undertake services related to hospital/ healthcare/ health education.

The scheme has been publicized through various sources of print and electronic media throughout the country. Also, to promote to the scheme has been translated in 11 regional languages namely Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Tamil, Telgu, Mizo and Punjabi. NCDC has also publicized this scheme through its 18 Regional Offices throughout the country.

(b) The scheme is fully funded and supported by NCDC. The Government has not created any funds for the Scheme.

(c) No study has been conducted by NCDC on assessment of impact Ayushman Sahakar Scheme on the availability and accessibility of Ayush services in rural areas.

(d) NCDC through the regional offices monitor and evaluate the Ayushman Sahakar scheme to assess its effectiveness and identity areas for improvement.

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