

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA  
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**Promotion of ayurvedic medicines**

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

- (a) the initiatives taken by Government to promote Ayurvedic medicines and other systems of Ayush in different States, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government propose to set up more Ayurvedic centres in all the hospitals including prestigious hospitals in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not reasons therefor?

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

(a) Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for overall development and promotion of Ayush systems of medicine including Ayurvedic system of medicine in the country and supporting the efforts of State/UT Governments by providing financial assistance to them for different activities as per the provision of NAM guidelines against their submitted State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). The Mission inter-alia makes provision for the following activities: -

- (i) Ayush Health & Wellness Centres
- (ii) Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (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 in the area where there are no AYUSH facilities available
- (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 and Post-Graduate Institutions/ add on PG/ Pharmacy /Para-Medical Courses.

Further, the Ministry implements the Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information Education and Communication (IEC) in AYUSH to create awareness regarding AYUSH Systems of Medicine. This aims to reach out to all sections of the population across the country. This scheme provides assistance for organizing National/State Arogya Fairs, Yoga Fests/Utsavs, Ayurveda Parvs etc. The Ministry also undertakes Multi Media, Print Media Campaigns for creating awareness about AYUSH Systems.

(b) Public Health being a State subject, setting up of Ayurvedic centres in all the hospitals including prestigious hospitals in the country comes under the purview of respective State/UT Government. However, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Ayush has established the following Ayurveda Treatment Centres in the country:-

1. Ayurveda Treatment Centre, Lady Hardinge Hospital, New Delhi
2. Ayurveda Central Research Unit, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi
3. Ayurveda Chikitsa Kendra, Atal Bihar Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi