

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 323

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AYUSH visa program

323. Shri K.C. Venugopal:

Will the Minister of Ayush be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the AYUSH visa program, including the number of foreign nationals who have applied for it;

(b) how successful the AYUSH visa initiative has been in attracting foreign nationals, seeking Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) treatments in the country; and

(c) whether there are any plans to enhance the promotion of AYUSH visa to attract more international visitors interested in traditional Indian medical practices ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AYUSH

(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (b)

The Government has introduced a separate category of Ayush Visa for foreigners visiting India for treatment under Ayush system/Indian system of medicine on 27th July, 2023. Ayush Visa is available under four sub-categories i.e. (i) Ayush Visa (AY-1), (ii) Ayush Attendant Visa (AY-2), (iii) e-Ayush Visa and (iv) e-Ayush Attendant Visa. Ayush Visa is granted to a foreigner whose sole purpose is to seek treatment through Ayush systems/Indian systems of medicine like therapeutic care and Wellness in a Hospital/Wellness Centre accredited and registered with any Government authority (ies) concerned or National Accreditation Board for Hospitals &

Healthcare Providers (NABH)/ National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH)/ National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) accredited hospitals providing Ayush services.

As per the information received from the Ministry of External Affairs, a circular email dated 22.12.2023 was sent to all Indian Missions/Posts abroad seeking the number of Ayush visas issued since its introduction. Most of the Missions/Posts abroad which have responded, have provided the NIL report in this regard.

(c) Ministry of Ayush is generating awareness among stakeholders to furnish the relevant information to Ministry of Home Affairs for on-boarding the hospitals/ wellness centers, to enhance the promotion of Ayush visa to attract more international visitors interested in traditional Indian medical practices .
