

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 156
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2024**

AYURVEDA-TRADITIONAL SYSTEM OF MEDICINE

***156. DR. KALPANA SAINI:**

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

- (a) whether a large section of the country's population depends on traditional systems of medicine in which Ayurveda is prominent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of efforts being made by Government to promote various traditional systems of medicine including Ayurveda and major achievements thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF
AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 156 FOR 6th AUGUST, 2024

(a) & (b): Yes, A large section of the country`s population depends on traditional systems of medicine as highlighted in the first exclusive All-India survey on Ayush which was conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) during July, 2022 to June, 2023 as a part of the National Sample Survey 79th Round. The survey covered 1,81,298 households in rural and urban areas of the country. It was found out in the said survey that 94.8 percentage of persons are aware of Ayush system of medicine and 46.3 percentage of persons have used Ayush system of medicine for prevention or treatment of ailments, during last 365 days, in rural areas while 96 percentage of persons are aware of Ayush system of medicine and 52.9 percentage of persons used Ayush system of medicine for prevention or treatment of ailments, during last 365 days, in urban areas. Out of persons who have used Ayush for prevention or treatment of ailments, during last 365 days, 40.5 percentage have used Ayurveda in rural areas while 45.5 percentage of persons have used Ayurveda in urban areas. This shows the prominence of traditional systems of medicine including Ayurveda among the country`s population.

(c): The Ministry of Ayush has undertaken various efforts to promote traditional systems of medicine, including Ayurveda. The Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for development and promotion of Ayush system of medicines and providing financial assistance to them as per the proposals received in their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per NAM guidelines. The mission includes provision mainly for the following: -

- i. Upgrading existing Ayush dispensaries and Health Sub-Centres to Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (Ayush). Out of the 12,500

- approved Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (Ayush), more than 12,000 are already functional and providing health care services.
- ii. Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs).
 - iii. Supply of essential drugs to Government Ayush Hospitals, Government Dispensaries and Government/ Government aided Teaching Institutional Ayush Hospitals.
 - iv. Setting up of up to 10/30/50 bedded integrated Ayush Hospitals.
 - v. Ayush Public Health Programs.
 - vi. Establishment of new Ayush colleges in the States where availability of Ayush teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector.
 - vii. Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate and Ayush Post-Graduate Institutions

The Ministry of Ayush developed a central sector scheme namely the scheme for Promotion of International Cooperation in Ayush for the global promotion and recognition of Ayush system of medicine. Under this scheme, the Ministry provides support to various stakeholders to promote Ayush research, products & services, academics etc. at an International level.

Ministry of Ayush has supported World Health Organization (WHO) to establish a Global Traditional Medicine Centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat, which has a strategic focus on evidence and learning, data and analytics, sustainability and equity, and innovation and technology to optimize the contribution of traditional medicine to global health and sustainable development.

The Ministry also implements the Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information Education and Communication (IEC) in

Ayush to create awareness regarding Ayush system of Medicine. This scheme aims to reach out to all sections of the population across the country. It 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 the Ayush system.
