

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.163**  
ANSWERED ON 27/11/2024

**Ayushman Sahakar**

163 SHRI YERRAM VENKATA SUBBA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has provided financial assistance under Ayushman Sahakar Fund for creation of healthcare infrastructure by cooperatives in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, the details of funds disbursed during each of the last three years and the current year in Andhra Pradesh, and if not, the reason therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION  
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) & (b): The AYUSHMAN SAHAKAR Scheme, introduced by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), is a significant initiative that aligns with the goals outlined in the National Health Policy of 2017. Any Cooperative Society registered under any State/ Multi State Cooperative Societies Act in the country, with suitable provision in the byelaws to undertake services related to hospital/ healthcare/health education is eligible under this scheme. Scheme objectives include promoting the establishment and expansion of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homoeopathy) facilities by cooperatives, and helping these societies contribute to the broader goals of the National Health Policy. Additionally, the scheme encourages cooperative societies to engage with the National Digital Health Mission, enhancing the digitalization of healthcare services. By facilitating the provision of a wide range of healthcare services, including education, insurance, and related activities, AYUSHMAN SAHAKAR aims to ensure accessible, inclusive, and holistic healthcare for all. Further, NCDC has not received any proposal from any Cooperative in the State of Andhra Pradesh so far.

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