

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2411**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2024**

**Integration of AYUSH in Odisha's healthcare system**

**2411 Shri Muzibulla Khan:**

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

- (a) whether Government has initiated steps to integrate AYUSH with the primary healthcare system in Odisha;
- (b) the number of AYUSH practitioners working in the State and their distribution in urban and rural areas; and
- (c) the measures being taken to improve access to AYUSH treatments for population in Odisha?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Government of India has adopted a strategy of Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs) in the country including Odisha, thus enabling the choice to the patients for different systems of medicines under a single window. The engagement of Ayush doctors/ paramedics and their training is being supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under National Health Mission (NHM), while the support for Ayush infrastructure, equipment/ furniture and medicines is being provided by the Ministry of Ayush under National Ayush Mission (NAM), as shared responsibilities.

(b) As reported by the State Government of Odisha 1092 Ayush practitioners are working in the State, out of which 124 are working in rural and 968 are working in urban.

(c) Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM), through State/UT Governments and supporting their efforts to improve access to Ayush treatments for population in the country including Odisha by providing financial assistance to them under different activities against their proposals received through

State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per the provisions of NAM guideline. The mission *inter-alia* makes provision for the following: -

- (i) Operationlisation of Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) by upgrading existing Ayush dispensaries and Sub health 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 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) Establishment of new Ayush colleges in the States where availability of Ayush teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector.
- (ix) Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate Institutions and Ayush Post-Graduate Institutions/ add on PG/ Pharmacy /Para-Medical Courses.

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