

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH  
RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1292 FOR 11.03.2025**

**NOMINATION OF YOGA PRACTITIONERS**

**1292. SMT. REKHA SHARMA:**

Will the Minister of Ayush be pleased to state:

- a) the steps being taken by the Ministry to encourage more participation from rural and marginalized communities in the nomination process for the Prime Minister's Yoga Awards, 2025;
- b) whether there will be any special provisions or additional support for grassroots-level Yoga practitioners who may not have digital access to apply online;
- c) if so, the details thereof;
- d) whether there are any collaborations with global Yoga institutions to encourage nominations from foreign practitioners and organizations; and
- e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c):** The Hon'ble Prime Minister, on the second International Day of Yoga announced two prestigious Yoga awards – one International and other National – to be given on the occasion of International Day of Yoga. The purpose of the Award is to recognize and felicitate individual(s)/ organization(s) who have made significant impact on society for a sustained period of time by way of promotion and development of Yoga. Applications for the Prime Minister's Yoga Awards 2025 are to be submitted via the MyGov platform. The submission window is now open and will be available till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. To encourage greater participation from rural and marginalized communities and to facilitate grassroot level Yoga practitioners who may not have digital access to apply online, Ministry of Ayush has issued necessary instructions to Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, States/UTs, Yoga Organisations to facilitate the nomination for grassroot level Yoga practitioners and marginalized communities and to propagate this through their websites and social media handles. Advertisements regarding the Prime Minister's Yoga Award 2025 have been published in newspapers in local languages, and the Ministry has also prepared a short video on Prime Minister's Yoga Award 2025, for wider publicity.

**(d) & (e):** To encourage nominations from international practitioners and organizations, Indian and foreign embassies, through the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), along with Yoga Certification Board (YCB)-accredited foreign institutions, have been requested to issue necessary directions to all the Indian Missions abroad for the promotion and propagation of the Prime Minister's Yoga Award 2025. Social media managers of Indian Mission/ Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)/ other MEA offices have also been requested to publicize the same through their handles.

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