

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2885
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.08.2025**

National Ayush Mission in Tamil Nadu

2885 Shri R. Dharmar:

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated and utilized under the National Ayush Mission (NAM) in Tamil Nadu during the last three years;
- (b) the number of Ayush health facilities established or upgraded in Tamil Nadu under the Mission;
- (c) the steps taken to promote Ayush-based preventive and curative healthcare among rural and urban populations of Tamil Nadu;
- (d) the initiatives taken for training and capacity building of Ayush practitioners in the State; and
- (e) whether Government has conducted any impact assessment or evaluation of the Mission's effectiveness in improving health outcomes in Tamil Nadu?

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

- (a) The status of the funds allocated/ released and utilized as reported by the State Government of Tamil Nadu under Centrally Sponsored Scheme i.e. National Ayush Mission (NAM) during the last three years is furnished as **Annexure-I**.
- (b) As per the information furnished by the State Governments of Tamil Nadu, 650 Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush), 5 Integrated Ayush Hospitals (50 Bedded), 7 Ayush Education Institutions, 126 Co-located Ayush OPDs at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), 26 Co-located Ayush OPDs at District Hospitals (DHs) & 2 Standalone Ayush Dispensaries have been supported under NAM.
- (c) & (d) Public Health being a State Subject, the primary responsibility regarding training & capacity building of Ayush practitioners and promotion of Ayush-based preventive & curative healthcare in the country including rural and urban populations of Tamil Nadu, lies with the respective State Government. However, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme i.e.

National Ayush Mission (NAM), there are various provisions, in this regard. Details of major provisions are enclosed as **Annexure-II**. Further, to avail the financial assistance suitable proposals are required to be submitted through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per the provisions of the NAM guideline.

Further, the Ministry of Ayush is also implementing a Central Sector Scheme namely Ayurgyan since 2021-22 having a component of ‘Capacity Building & Continuing Medical Education in Ayush’ under which there is a provision to support the eligible organizations across the country, including the State of Tamil Nadu, for training & capacity building program in the field of Ayush with the aim to encourage Ayush personnel to undergo need-based professional training and bridge the knowledge gaps.

As reported by State Government, following training and capacity building programmes are conducted in Tamil Nadu:

1. Capacity Building Programme for Ayush Doctors at State level
2. Continuing Medical Education (CME) - Training on Varma Management for Musculoskeletal Disorders
3. Continuing Medical Education (CME) - Capacity Training on Pain Management through Yoga & Naturopathy.

(e) In order to assess the impact & evaluate the Mission’s effectiveness in improving health outcomes in the country including Tamil Nadu, field visits by the Central team, one to one meeting, Regional Review Meetings, National level Conferences etc. are carried out apart from third party evaluations and NABH assessment. It has been observed by visiting teams that footfall of the beneficiaries visiting to Ayush facilities including AAM (Ayush) has been subsequently increased after strengthening & upgradation of these facilities. In case of AAM (Ayush) substantial increase in the footfall of patients has been observed because, in addition to OPD services, these facilities are also providing various other services like Prakriti Parikshan, Yoga related activities at the level of facility as well as community, awareness about uses of common medicinal plants etc. Further, State/UT Governments have been suggested by the visiting team for appropriate training & capacity building of AAM (Ayush) team, strengthening of referral linkages with other public health facilities, effective involvement of field level workers specially ASHAs etc. for better outcome of the activities being conducted through different Health facilities including AAM (Ayush).

Annexure-I

**The details of funds allocated and utilized under the National Ayush Mission (NAM) in
Tamil Nadu during the last three years**

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No	Financial Year	Grant in Aid released as Central Share	Amount Utilized
1	2022-23	2428.68	2428.68
2	2023-24	6635.76	6635.76
3	2024-25	7380.32	5280.30

The details of the major provisions under National Ayush Mission (NAM):

- (i) Operationalization of Ayush Health & Wellness Centres (AHWCs) now renamed as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush).
- (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
- (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 Programs
- (viii) Behaviour Change Communication (BCC)
- (ix) Establishment of new Ayush colleges in the States where availability of AYUSH teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector
- (x). Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate Institutions and Ayush Post-Graduate Institutions/add on PG/ Pharmacy/Para-Medical Courses.
- (xi) Training and capacity building for teaching staffs, Medical officers and other paramedical staffs working in the educational institution and Ayush Hospitals / Dispensaries (under flexipool).
