

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 961  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2025**

**AYUSH Services in Tribal districts of Odisha**

961 **Shri Manas Ranjan Mangaraj:**

**Shri Niranjana Bishi:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken steps to promote traditional medicine systems in tribal districts of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Ayush health centres functioning or proposed to be set up in KBK, Kandhamal, Balangir, Rayagada and aspirational districts;
- (d) whether there is a shortage of trained Ayush doctors in the State; and
- (e) the steps taken to fill the vacant Ayush posts in Odisha?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Ministry of Ayush is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for overall development and promotion of traditional medicine system in the country including tribal districts of Odisha. Under NAM, financial assistance is being provided to States/UTs including Odisha for different activities as per the provision of NAM guidelines against their submitted proposals through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). The Mission inter-alia makes provision for the following activities: -

- (i) Ayush Health & Wellness Centres 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 in the area where there are no Ayush facilities available.

(v) Setting up of upto 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 Course

As per the proposals received from the State Government of Odisha during the year 2014-15 to 2024-25, Ministry of Ayush has released an amount of Rs. 11079.385 lakhs for implementation of different approved activities of SAAPs.

(c) As reported by State Government of Odisha, 414 Ayush facilities co-located at PHCs/CHCs are functioning at KBK, Kandhamal, Balagir, Rayagada and aspirational districts.

(d) No

(e) As reported by State Government of Odisha, the vacant post of Ayush Medical Officers are being filled up through Odisha Public Services Commission (OPSC). During the year 2024, 85 Homoeopathic Medical Officers have been recruited through OPSC. Similarly, during the year 2025, 115 Ayurvedic Medical Officers have been recruited through OPSC.

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