

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 162**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2025**

**Support to train frontline health workers in Odisha**

**162 Smt. Sulata Deo:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry will support Odisha in training Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs), and health volunteers in Ayush practices like yoga, herbal remedies, and lifestyle counselling; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) Ministry of Ayush is committed to strengthen the community-level health promotion through Ayush systems and support States/UTs, including Odisha, in capacity building of frontline Ayush health functionaries under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Ayush Mission (NAM). Under NAM, there are provisions for the training programmes for existing Ayush Personals of Government Ayush Dispensaries and other Government Ayush Institutions for orientation and skill development on Ayush-based preventive healthcare, Yoga practices, herbal home remedies, and lifestyle counselling that can be extended to Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) attached to the Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush).

(b) As reported by State Government of Odisha, ASHAs attached to 422 Government Ayush Dispensaries upgraded as Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (Ayush) are being trained if at regular intervals for structured training modules on strength of Ayush, skill development, and community-based Ayush orientation Programmes aimed at enhancing the capabilities in delivering holistic and preventive health services.

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