

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 961  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2025  
National Ayush Mission in Punjab**

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

- (a) the main objective of the National Ayush Mission;
- (b) the major works done by Government under this mission so far;
- (c) the details of amount allocated to the State of Punjab and the expenditure incurred therein under this mission;
- (d) the impact of the National Ayush Mission in the State of Punjab in terms of healthcare access, employment generation and promotion of traditional healing systems; and
- (e) the future plans and targets for the expansion of the National Ayush Mission in the State of Punjab and the initiatives taken to improve Ayush healthcare infrastructure, particularly in rural and underserved areas?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Main objectives of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) are as follows:

- i. To provide Ayush health care services throughout the country by strengthening and improving Ayush health care services.
- ii. To establish a holistic wellness model through Ayush Health and Wellness Centres [now renamed as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush)] focusing on preventive and promotive health

care based on Ayush principles and practices, to reduce the disease burden and out of pocket expenditure.

iii. To provide informed choice to the needy public through co-location of Ayush facilities at PHCs, CHCs and DHs resulting in medical pluralism.

iv. To emphasize the role of Ayush in Public Health as per NHP 2017.

v. To enhance and strengthen the infrastructure of Ayush educational institutions.

Ministry of Ayush is supporting the efforts of State/UT Governments for development and promotion of Ayush Systems by providing financial assistance under different activities as per the proposals received from respective State/UT Governments against State Annual Action plans (SAAPs) under the existing provisions of NAM guidelines. The Mission *inter-alia* makes provision for following activities:

(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) 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.

As per the proposals received from State/UT Governments through SAAPs, an amount of Rs. 5670.82 Crore have been released to different States/UTs for implementation of the approved activities from year 2014-15 to 2024-25. The major supported activities from 2014-15 to 2024-25 are enclosed in **Annexure**.

(c) Under NAM, an amount of Rs. 69.02 Crore have been released to the State Government of Punjab from 2014-15 to 2024-25 for implementation of different approved activities of SAAPs and as reported by State Government they have made expenditure of Rs. 54.31 Crore.

(d) As implementation of NAM Scheme is being done by the respective State Government, accordingly expansion of NAM Scheme in Punjab is based on proposals submitted by the State Government. Further, Ministry of Ayush is supporting the efforts of State Government of Punjab for overall development & promotion of Ayush Systems by providing financial assistance under different activities as per the provision of NAM guideline which also covers the area of healthcare access employment generation. Following major activities has been approved under NAM to enhance the Ayush health care facilities and services in Punjab:

- i. Establishment of 02 units of 50-bedded Integrated Ayush Hospitals (IAHs) at Dunike, Moga and Dyalpur Sodhian, Zirakpur, Mohali
- ii. 10 Dispensaries supported for upgradation
- iii. 283 Ayush Units of co-located facilities in PHC/CHC/DH were supported
- iv. Operationalization of 158 Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) was supported
- v. Financial assistance for supply of Essential drugs to Ayush institutions and 469 Sub Health Centres-AAM (Ayush)

(e) Further, under NAM, State/UT Governments including Punjab are also being supported for implementation of following structured Ayush Public Health Programmes in different parts of the country including vulnerable populations in rural and underserved areas to address the problem of masses as per the potentials of Ayush health care systems in providing preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative health care as standalone or add on to conventional interventions:-

- (i) National Program for Prevention and Management of Musculoskeletal Disorders:-National Program for Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis & other Musculoskeletal Disorders wherein awareness, screening and Ayush interventions are being focused.

- (ii) Integration of Ayush with National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS)
- (iii) SUPRAJA (Ayush Maternal & Neo-natal Intervention): For strengthening Ayush based Maternal & Neo-natal Interventions through Ayush teaching hospitals
- (iv) VAYO MITRA (Ayush Geriatric Healthcare Services): Ayush Geriatric Healthcare Services is a program for senior citizens to live healthy productive lives.
- (v) AYURVIDYA: (Promotion of healthy lifestyle through Ayush System in School) Ayurvedya program for Healthy Lifestyle through Ayush for School Children.
- (vi) Ayush Mobile Medical Unit: Mobile Medical Units are proposed for healthcare in underserved and far flung areas including tribal area through Ayush systems.
- (vii) KARUNYA: (Ayush Palliative Services): Ayush Palliative Services aims to improve Quality of Life in patients under palliative care.
- (viii) National Program on Ayush for morbidity management and Disability Prevention (MMDP) of Lymphatic Filariasis (lymphoedema): Morbidity management and Disability Prevention (MMDP) of Lymphatic Filariasis (lymphoedema) through Ayush interventions.

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**Major activities supported under NAM from 2014-15 to 2024-25**

- (i) **203** units supported for setting up of Integrated Ayush hospitals.
- (ii) **518** Ayush Hospitals and **6234** Ayush dispensaries have been supported for Up-gradation of infrastructure and other facilities.
- (iii) **2387** PHCs, **746** CHCs and **319** DHs have been supported under co-location for recurring assistance of medicines and contingency on an average in each year.
- (iv) **1157** Ayush Hospitals and **12677** Ayush dispensaries have been supported for supply of essential Ayush medicines on an average in each year.
- (v) **21** units supported for establishment of New Ayush Educational Institutions.
- (vi) **78** Under-Graduate and **46** Post-Graduate Ayush Educational Institutes have been supported for Upgradation of infrastructure, Library and other things.
- (vii) **383** units supported for establishment of New Ayush Dispensaries.
- (viii) **1429** Ayush Grams have been supported.
- (ix) **12500** Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) have been supported.