

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 963

TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2025

Proposed amendment in NCISM Act 2020

963. Shri Tiruchi Siva:

Will the Minister of *Ayush*

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are plans to include those with degrees in Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yoga Sciences (BNYS) under the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), 2020;
- (b) whether Government has taken note of the recommendation by DRSC on Health and Family Welfare that NCISM Act 2020 should be amended to include these disciplines;
- (c) whether it is a fact that a separate Board of Yoga and Naturopathy does not currently exist, thereby causing proliferation of unqualified practitioners in the field; and
- (d) the reasons for the inordinate delay in the inclusion of these disciplines within the Act?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

- (a) and (b) The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) Act, 2020 stipulates the provision for education and practices for Indian System of Medicine i.e. Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Sowa-Rigpa. At present, there is no plan to include degrees in Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yoga Sciences (BNYS) under the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), Act 2020. The Indian Medicine Central Council Act,

1970 (IMCC Act, 1970) has been repealed by the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) Act, 2020. Since Yoga and Naturopathy were not part of the IMCC Act, 1970, the same were not included in the NCISM Act, 2020.

(c) and (d) At present there is no separate Board for Yoga and Naturopathy under the NCISM Act, 2020. However, the Ministry of Ayush has established the Yoga Certification Board (YCB) which is functioning under Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga and is responsible for certifying Yoga professionals and accrediting Yoga institutions. Similarly, the Naturopathy Registration Board (NRB) established under the aegis of National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune, is responsible for the central registration of Naturopathy practitioners and for the accreditation of Naturopathy educational institutions and hospitals.
