

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1923  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

**Establishment of Ayush pharmacies and drug testing labs**

1923 # **Smt. Darshana Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has launched a program to establish Ayush pharmacies and drug testing labs in the Ayush sector;
- (b) if so, the distribution, funding and implementation framework for the said pharmacies and labs;
- (c) the manner in which the said initiatives are expected to improve the quality, safety and availability of Ayush medicines to patients; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal to expand these models to States and Union Territories in the future?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b) Ministry of Ayush is implementing a Central Sector Scheme Ayush Oushadhi Gunavatta evam Utpadan Samvardhan Yojana (AOGUSY) since 2021-22 with total budget outlay of Rs. 122.00 crores for five years. The components of AOGUSY scheme are as follows: -

- i. Strengthening and up-gradation of Ayush Pharmacies and Drug Testing Laboratories to achieve higher standards.
- ii. Pharmacovigilance of ASU&H drugs including surveillance of misleading advertisements.
- iii. Strengthening of Central and State regulatory frameworks including Technical Human Resource & Capacity Building programs for Ayush drugs.
- iv. Support for development of standards and accreditation/certification of Ayush products & materials in collaboration with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Quality Control of India (QCI) and other relevant scientific institutions and industrial R&D centers.

Till date, 18 Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU&H) pharmacies and 07 Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU&H) Drug Testing Laboratories (DTLs) have been supported financially under this scheme across the country. Till date, Rs. 40.13 crore has been sanctioned as Grant-in-Aid to the aforementioned number of pharmacies and DTLs.

(c) and (d) Under the Central Sector Scheme Ayush Oushadhi Gunavatta evam Utpadan Samvardhan Yojana (AOGUSY), initiatives such as strengthening and up-gradation of Ayush pharmacies and drug testing laboratories, pharmacovigilance of ASU&H drugs, and capacity building of Central and State regulatory frameworks are undertaken. This initiative enables the stakeholders to improve quality, and safety of Ayush medicines. Further, the schematic provisions are applicable to all State/UTs of the country.

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