

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1933

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Promotion of AYUSH systems in Maharashtra

1933 Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik:

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

- (a) the details of measures taken by the Ministry to promote traditional systems of medicine, including Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH), in Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of AYUSH hospitals, wellness centres and training institutes established in the State in the last five years;
- (c) the initiatives being implemented to raise public awareness, integrate AYUSH therapies into mainstream healthcare and support local practitioners; and
- (d) the steps being taken to sustainably cultivate and utilise medicinal plants indigenous to Maharashtra to strengthen AYUSH services?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments and supporting their efforts for promotion and overall development of Ayush systems of medicines including Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy in the country including Maharashtra. Under NAM, grant-in-aid is being provided to the State /UT Governments against their proposals received through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per the provisions of NAM guidelines. The NAM 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) Ayush Gram
- (ix) Behavior Change Communication (BCC)
- (x) Establishment of new Ayush colleges in the States where availability of AYUSH teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector.
- (xi) Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate Institutions and Ayush Post-Graduate Institutions/add on PG/ Pharmacy/Para-Medical Courses.

Under NAM, an amount of Rs. 133.59 Crores has been released to State Government of Maharashtra as central share for implementation of different approved activities of SAAPs from 2014-15 to 2024-25.

(b) As reported by State Government of Maharashtra, 19 Integrated Ayush Hospitals, 390 Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM)(Ayush) and 07 Government Ayush Colleges have been supported under NAM during last 05 years. Further, the State Institute of Health and Family Welfare (SIHFW) at Nagpur serve as the apex state-level training body. In addition, 07 Regional Training Centres and 34 District Training Centres are involved in conducting training programmes for Ayush Medical Officers, MPWs, ANMs, and ASHAs in Maharashtra.

(c) As informed by the State Government, they are organizing Ayush Camps, IEC activities such as distribution of Pamphlets/ 'Yoga and Medicinal Information Booklets', 'Ayush guide for ASHA/MPW/ANM', Health Wall, Media News, Ayush Gram Activities, Ayush Selfie points, for school going students various Ayush competitions like drawing, Essay Writing, Oration, *Rangoli* and *Suryanamskar*/Yoga etc. for creating public awareness about various streams of Ayush.

Daily Yoga sessions are conducted at all AAM (Ayush). Further, exhibitions and lectures on various topics related to Ayush like *Ayurvedokta Dincharya*, *Rutucharya*, lifestyle counseling, *Gharcha Vaidya*, Yoga for all, are conducted during International Day of Yoga, Ayurveda Day, Unani Day, Homoeopathy Day, World Health Day and

World Women Day. The local practitioners are encouraged for involving in Ayush Camps and celebration of important Ayush Days. *Desh ka Prakruti Parikshan Abhiyan* was carried out throughout Maharashtra in Ayush Medical Colleges and AAM (Ayush) and total 38,89,831 beneficiaries have been covered in said campaign. National Arogya Fair 2026 was conducted at Shegaon, District Buldhana by Ayurved *Mahasammelan* in collaboration with Ministry of Ayush and Directorate of Ayush, State Government of Maharashtra.

(d) Currently, there is no scheme for cultivation of medicinal plants in National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB). However, NMPB under Ministry of Ayush, Government of India is implementing Central Sector Scheme (CSS) on ‘Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants’ throughout the country. The scheme is aimed at providing project based support for the different activities. The Forward and backward linkage in supply chain of medicinal plants (Integrated Component) is one of the component of CSS scheme wherein following activities are supported:

- Infrastructure for Quality Planting Material to raise the planting material of medicinal plants for cultivation.
- Information Education Communication (IEC) activities to aware the farmers.
- Infrastructure for Post-Harvest Management and Marketing to increase the marketability of the medicinal plants, adding value to the produce, increasing profitability and reducing losses.
- Quality Testing and Certification of raw material.
