

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AYUSH**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 322**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2026**

**Availability of Ayush doctors and vacancies in Odisha**

**322 Shri Manas Ranjan Mangaraj:**

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

- (a) the number of Ayush doctors, medical officers and paramedical staff currently posted in the State of Odisha;
- (b) the steps being taken by Government to fill the existing vacancies in the State; and
- (c) the measures taken by Government of India to promote and strengthen Ayush treatment in Odisha?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) As reported by the State Government of Odisha, 1125 Medical officers and 923 Paramedical staff are presently posted in State of Odisha. Further, it is also informed by them that appropriate steps have been taken to fill up the vacant posts of Ayush Doctors / Medical officers through Odisha Public Service Commission, Cuttack and similar, Steps have been taken to fill up the vacant posts of paramedical staff through Odisha Staff Selection Commission, Bhubaneswar.

(c) Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to promote and strengthen Ayush treatment in Odisha lies with respective State Government. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM), there is provision of financial assistance to the State/UT Governments including Odisha for promotion and strengthening of Ayush treatment in the country including Odisha. Under NAM, as per the proposals submitted by State Government of Odisha through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs), an amount of Rs.223.34 Crore have been sanctioned from the year 2014-15 to 2025-26 for strengthening and promotion of Ayush treatment in Odisha. As reported by State Government following major activities have been under taken:

- Constructions of 56 units of new Ayush dispensaries building and 16 units of Infrastructural development projects at Ayush Educational Institutions have been completed.
- 422 units of Ayush dispensaries have been up-graded as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) to promote lifestyle modification, drug-less treatments through Yoga and cultivation of medicinal plants to minimize the NCDs in the State.
- Different IEC activities like International Day of Yoga, Ayurveda Day, Integrated Ayush Health Camps have been celebrated / organized for propagation of Ayush in the State.
- Construction work of 50 bedded Integrated Ayush Hospital (IAH) at Dhenkanal and Berhampur has been completed.
- Essential Ayush drugs have been supplied to Govt. Ayush Dispensaries/Hospitals and Ayush Clinics co-located at PHCs/CHCs/DH of the State.
- Public Health outreach Activities, Behavioural Change Communication, School Health Programmes have been organized, Ayush Gram initiatives, National Programme for prevention & Management of Osteoarthritis and other musculoskeletal disorders and VAYO MITRA: Ayush Geriatric Healthcare Services have been implemented in the State.
- Various training programme have been conducted for orientation of Ayush Medical Officers /ASHAs.
- One Ayush Wing (Panchakarma Unit) has been set up at District Homoeopathic Hospital (DHH) Kendrapada to provide specialize Ayush treatment.
- Mobility Support for District Ayurveda Medical Officers & District Homoeopathic Medical Officers for monitoring and supervision is being provided.
- The administrative approval amounting of Rs.28.00 Cr. has been accorded for construction of new Govt. Ayurveda Medical College at Murugaghutu, Rairangpur in the Mayurbhanj District and has been released to the Superintending Engineer, Rairangpur. Preparatory steps such as land identification and detailed project reports & Tender have been completed.

The Ministry also implements a Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information Education and Communication (IEC) in Ayush to create awareness regarding Ayush Systems of Medicine including Ayurvedic and other System of medicine. This aims to reach out to all sections of the population across the country including Odisha. This scheme provides assistance for organizing National/State Arogya Fairs, Yoga Fests/Utsavs, Ayurveda Parvs,

etc. The Ministry also undertakes Multi-Media, Print Media Campaigns for creating awareness about Ayush System, No specific treatment provided under IEC, however promotion of Ayush activities in Odisha had been done by organizing following events;-

| S.No | Financial year | Event   | Place       |
|------|----------------|---|-------------|
| 1    | 2022-23        | Ayurveda Parv/Yoga Fest                                       | Puri        |
| 2    | 2023-24        | Ayurveda Parv/Yoga Fest                                       | Puri        |
| 3    | 2023-24        | Participation in Fair/Exhibition Odisha Ayush Expo            | Bhubaneswar |
| 4    | 2024-25        | Participation in Fair/Exhibition- Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas 2025 | Bhubaneswar |

Further, the Ministry of Ayush is implementing a Central Sector Scheme namely Ayurgyan since 2021-22 with the aim to support Research & Innovation in Ayush by providing Extra Mural Research activities and Education by providing academic activities, training, Capacity Building etc. Being the Central Sector Schemes, financial assistance is provided to the eligible organizations/institutions across the country (including in the State of Odisha), and the scheme is not specified to any State/UT. Under Ayurgyan Scheme, 12 projects/programmes (i.e. 11 training programmes under Capacity Building & Continuing Medical Education; and 01 under Research & Innovation in Ayush) have been supported to the institutions/organizations situated in the State of Odisha.

Furthermore, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN) and Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) are autonomous organizations under Ministry of Ayush for research including medicinal research in Ayurveda, Unani, Homoeopathy, Yoga & Naturopathy and Siddha system of Medicine respectively. CCRAS, CCRUM, CCRH, CCRYN and CCRS are working towards the promote and strengthen Ayush treatment through scientific validation in the concerned system of medicines by clinical research, drug research, medicinal plants research, fundamental research, literary research and documentation, wherever applicable.

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