

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 326
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2026**

Shortage of Ayush doctors in Erode district of Tamil Nadu

326 Shri Anthiyur P. Selvarasu:

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

- (a) whether Government has reviewed shortage of Ayush doctors, pharmacists and dispensary infrastructure in Erode district in the State of Tamil Nadu, including Sathyamangalam, Anthiyur and Thalavadi;
- (b) if so, the details of sanctioned strength, vacancy position, medicine supply gaps and outreach camps conducted in Erode district; and
- (c) the measures proposed to be taken by Government to strengthen Ayush wellness centres, mobile services and uninterrupted drug supply in the said district?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure availability of Ayush doctors, pharmacists and adequate dispensary infrastructure as well as maintenance of data on sanctioned strength, vacancy position, medicine supply gaps and outreach camps in Erode district of Tamil Nadu, including Sathyamangalam, Anthiyur and Thalavadi lies with the respective State Government. As reported by State Government of Tamil Nadu, the sanctioned posts of Ayush doctors and pharmacists are being filled as per Government norms and vacancies in regular posts are addressed through timely recruitment and redeployment to ensure uninterrupted Ayush services. State Government also informed that upgradation work related to infrastructure of Ayush dispensaries are undertaken as per approved provisions of

the State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) based on local need-based requirements.

Further, State Government informed that uninterrupted supply of quality medicines to Ayush institutions is ensured in Erode District on a quarterly basis by procuring medicines from Tamil Nadu Medical Plant Farms and Herbal Medicine Corporation Limited (TAMPCOL), Chennai, a manufacturing unit under Tamil Nadu Government and no major gaps in medicine supply have been reported. State Government also reported that Ayush outreach and health awareness camps are being conducted regularly in Erode District including tribal and hilly areas such as Sathyamangalam and Thalavadi, to enhance access/awareness on Ayush services and promote preventive healthcare.

(c) The State Government has taken initiatives to further strength Ayush Wellness Centres, outreach services and drug supply systems in Erode district through upgradation of existing Ayush wings, deployment of manpower as per norms, conduct of regular outreach and mobile health activities in remote areas, and continued assured medicine supply through TAMPCOL under NAM and State Government programmes.
