

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3531
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2026**

AYUSH health and wellness centres

3531 # Shri Madan Rathore:

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing new schemes to promote the Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani And Homoeopathy systems of medicine in the country;
- (b) the number of AYUSH health and wellness centres established in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years;
- (c) whether Government is running any special programmes to promote research and exports of AYUSH medicines; and
- (d) the steps being taken to enhance availability of AYUSH healthcare services in rural areas?

ANSWER

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

(a) Ministry of Ayush is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments including Rajasthan for overall development & promotion of Ayush system by providing financial assistance under different activities in the country. Accordingly, States/UTs may avail financial assistance by submitting their proposals through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per the provision of NAM guidelines. The NAM, inter-alia makes provision for the 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 Programmes
- (viii) Behaviour Change Communication (BCC)
- (ix) Establishment of new Ayush colleges in the States where availability of AYUSH teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector.
- (x) Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate Institutions and Ayush Post-Graduate Institutions/add on PG/ Pharmacy/Para-Medical Courses.

Further, the Ministry is also implementing the Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information Education and Communication (IEC) in Ayush to create awareness regarding Ayush Systems of Medicine. This aims to reach out to all sections of the population across the country. This scheme provides assistance for organizing National/State Arogya Fairs, Yoga Fests/Utsavs, Ayurveda Parvs, etc.

(b) Under NAM, as per the proposals received from the State Government of Rajasthan through SAAPs, a total number of 2019 Ayush Health and Wellness Centres [now known as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) or AAM (Ayush)] have been approved for operationalization by upgrading existing Ayush dispensaries and 1019 units were approved in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years.

(c) 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 Siddha (CCRS) and Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN) are autonomous organizations under Ministry of Ayush for research in Ayurveda, Unani, Homoeopathy, Siddha and Yoga & Naturopathy respectively and these councils are conducting different research activities through their peripheral institutes available in different parts of the country. CCRAS, CCRUM, CCRH, CCRS and CCRYN are working towards the scientific validation in the concerned system of medicines through clinical research, drug research, medicinal plants research, fundamental research, literary research and documentation.

Ayush Export Promotion Council (AYUSHEXCIL), set up by the Ministry of Ayush with support from the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India. It promotes and oversees exports of Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa, and Unani products by addressing trade issues, facilitate capacity building of its members on export procedures, organizing Business to Business meetings and international events, road shows, seminars and workshops on the export of Ayush products, and to safeguard the scientific research in the field of Ayush healthcare.

Further, Ministry of Ayush has launched Ayush Quality Mark on 19.12.2025 during the 2nd WHO Global Summit at New Delhi for products and services of global standards.

This certification scheme strengthens consumer trust in Ayush products and services by ensuring internationally accepted standards of quality, safety, and efficacy.

(d) Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to enhance availability of Ayush healthcare services in the country including rural areas, lies with the respective State/UT Governments.
