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RAJYA SABHA
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EXPANDING AYUSH HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN TAMIL NADU

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated and utilised under various schemes of the Ministry of Ayush during the last three years in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the progress made in expanding Ayush healthcare services, including the number of Ayush hospitals, wellness centres and institutions established across the country;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to promote research, quality standards and evidence-based practices in Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy;
- (d) the measures taken to enhance the availability of Ayush medicines and trained professionals; and
- (e) the initiatives undertaken to promote Ayush systems globally and increase their acceptance in healthcare?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

- (a) Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments including Tamil Nadu and supporting their efforts for overall development and promotion of Ayush systems of medicine across the country. Under the scheme, there is a provision for financial assistance to the State/UT Governments for establishment of Integrated Ayush Hospitals, Ayush Educational Institutions and operationalization of Ayush Health and Wellness centres presently known as Ayushmaan Arogya Mandir (Ayush) [AAM (Ayush)]. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs.16319.57 lakhs

have been allocated/released during the last three years and as reported by the State Government, the entire released amount has been utilized.

Further, Ministry of Ayush is also implementing 06 Central Sector Schemes, namely Ayurgyan, Ayurswasthya, Ayush Oushadhi Gunavatta evam Utpadan Samvardhan Yojana (AOGUSY), Promotion of International Co-operation (IC) in Ayush, Promotion of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) in Ayush and Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants (CDSMMP). Being Central Sector Schemes, funds are not allocated State/UT wise. Under the schemes, financial assistance is provided to eligible organizations/Institutions as per provisions contained in the concerned scheme guidelines. The details of scheme-wise fund released to various organizations/ Institutions situated in the state of Tamil Nadu during last three years i.e (FY 2023-24 to 2025-26) is placed at Annexure – I.

(b) From 2014-15 to 2025-26, the Ministry has supported 228 Integrated Ayush Hospitals, 12,500 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (Ayush) and 24 Ayush Educational Institutions under the National Ayush Mission across the country.

(c) Under Research & Innovation in Ayush (R & I) and Ayurveda Biology Integrated Health Research (ABIHR) components of Ayurgyan Scheme, financial assistance is provided to eligible organizations for conducting high-end research, innovation, and evidence generation in Ayush system of medicine.

Under Centre of Excellence component of Ayurswasthya Yojana, there is a provision for financial assistance for upgradation of healthcare infrastructure and integrated research activities in the field of Ayush system of medicine.

In addition, Research Councils under Ministry of Ayush namely Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Science (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN) also undertake research activities such as Clinical Research, Drug Proving, Drug Verification, Drug validation, Drug Standardization, Public Health Research, Fundamental Research and Epidemic research through their Research Institutes/Treatment Centre/Peripheral Units.

Further, following steps have also been taken for quality standards and evidence-based practices in Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy:

- The Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H), a subordinate organization under Ministry of Ayush, develops pharmacopoeial standards and formulary specifications for Ayush drugs, which serve as the official compendia for determining their identity, purity, and strength of Ayush drugs.
- Ayush Quality Mark Programme was launched by the Ministry of Ayush to strengthen quality assurance, enhance consumer confidence, and improve the Global recognition and competitiveness of Ayush products and services;
- Ayush Standard Mark and Ayush Premium Mark are awarded to Ayush Drugs by Quality Council of India (QCI) based on third-party assessment of compliance with prescribed national and international quality standards;
- Ayush Vertical in CDSCO facilitates the issuance of the World Health Organization Certificate of Pharmaceutical Product (WHO-CoPP) for eligible Ayush drugs through joint inspections with State/UT Licensing Authorities

(d) Public Health being a state subject, the primary responsibility for availability of Ayush medicines and trained professionals lies with respective State/UT Governments. Under NAM, there is a provision for financial assistance for supply of essential medicines to Government Ayush Hospitals, Government Dispensaries/AAM(Ayush) and Government/Government aided Teaching Ayush Hospitals. Further, Capacity Building & Continuing Medical Education (CME) in Ayush is one of the component of Ayurgyan scheme aims to encourage Ayush personnel to undergo need-based professional training and bridge the knowledge gaps.

(e) Ministry of Ayush is implementing the central sector scheme for Promotion of International Cooperation for Ayush. Under this scheme the Ministry provides support to Indian Ayush drug Manufacturers/Ayush Service providers to give boost to the export of Ayush products and services; facilitates the International promotion, development and recognition of Ayush systems of medicine; foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of Ayush at international level; promote academics and research through the establishment of Ayush Academic Chairs in foreign countries and holding training workshop/symposiums for promoting and strengthening awareness and interest about Ayush Systems of Medicine at international level. Ministry of Ayush has Signed 27 Country to Country MoUs, 16 Ayush Chair MoUs and 57 Institute to Institute level MoUs for the international promotion and propagation of Ayush systems.

Further, Ayush Export Promotion Council (Ayushexcil), notified by Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Ministry of Commerce and supported by Ministry of Ayush,

serves as the designated Export Promotion Council to promote the export of Ayush Products/Medicines as well as Ayush services globally and for harmonization and standardization of regulatory practices. Further, Ayush Quality Mark Programme has been launched to strengthen quality assurance, enhance consumer confidence, and improve the Global recognition and competitiveness of Ayush products and services.

Annexure-I

The details of scheme-wise fund released to various organizations/ Institutions situated in the state of Tamil Nadu during last three years i.e (FY 2023-24 to 2025-26)

S. No.	Scheme	Name of Component	Fund Released (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Ayurgyan Scheme	Research & Innovation in Ayush (R & I)	224.33
		Capacity Building and Continuing Medical Education (CME) in Ayush	137.50
2.	Ayurswasthya Yojana	Centre of Excellence (CoE)	73.00
		Ayush and Public Health	211.75
3	AUGOSY Scheme	--	157.57
4	IEC Scheme	--	90.00