

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
RAJYA SABHA
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**INTEGRATION OF AYUSH DOCTORS IN PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES IN
VIDARBHA**

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that, due to the shortage of Allopathic doctors in many Primary Health Centres in the Vidarbha region, AYUSH doctors are providing healthcare services through the fusion of AYUSH and Allopathic services;
- (b) the steps being taken by Government in Nagpur and the Vidarbha region to ensure the availability of the necessary training, medicines, equipment and other resources to AYUSH doctors discharging additional responsibilities; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to formulate any policy to define the role of AYUSH doctors in National Health Programmes and public health activities?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) & (b) Government of India has adopted a strategy to integrate Ayush systems with the primary healthcare facilities through the co-location of Ayush facilities including Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), and District Hospitals (DHs). This approach enables patients to choose from different systems of medicine under a single-window service delivery mechanism. The engagement of Ayush doctors/ paramedics and their training is being supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under National Health Mission (NHM), while the support for Ayush infrastructure, equipment/ furniture and medicines is being provided by the Ministry of Ayush under National Ayush Mission (NAM), as shared responsibilities. However, as reported by State of Maharashtra, 239 Ayurveda Medical Officers are deputed at Primary Health Centres of Vidarbha Region for providing healthcare services.

Further, newly appointed Medical Officers including Ayush doctors are deputed by the Public Health Department of Maharashtra for 30 days of foundational training at YASHADA, Pune and 12 days of foundational training at the Health and Family Welfare Training Centre.

Concerned Primary Health Centers are also equipped with the necessary medicines, equipment, and other resources to deliver healthcare services effectively.

(c) As reported by State of Maharashtra, the Public Health Department of Maharashtra is following National Health Policy 2017. Accordingly, the Maharashtra Council of Indian Medicine (MCIM), through its circular dated 25th January 2017 has authorized eligible Ayurveda & Unani doctors to practice specified aspects of modern medicine (Allopathy) in accordance with the applicable rules, regulations, and the scope of practice prescribed by the relevant authorities by amendment in Maharashtra Medical Practitioner's Act 1961. Further, Ayush Graduate Medical Officers are engaged in all National Health Programs and various public health activities in the State.
