

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4088
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH DECEMBER, 2016**

PROMOTION OF AYUSH

4088. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country has more allopathic doctors or AYUSH practitioners;
- (b) whether the Government agrees that promotion of AYUSH will be helpful to treat various diseases;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to integrate National Health Mission (NHM) with AYUSH; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard till now by the Government?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a): As per information provided by Medical Council of India, there are a total 9,88,922 allopathic doctors registered with the State Medical Council/Medical Council of India as on 30th June, 2016. As informed by Ministry of AYUSH there are 7,44,563 registered AYUSH doctors/practitioners as on 01st January, 2015 in India.

(b) to (e): Under NHM, the principle of 'Mainstreaming of AYUSH' was adopted to enhance the choice of services for beneficiaries of public health facilities and also revitalize local health care traditions. Accordingly, NHM Implementation Framework envisages co-location of AYUSH services in health facilities.

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