

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5050
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2016**

SHORTAGE OF AYUSH DOCTORS

**5050. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:**

Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a severe shortage of AYUSH doctors and paramedical staff in Government hospitals. including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of posts of AYUSH doctors that are lying vacant, State/UT-wise and stream-wise;
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has made any assessment with regard to patient treated through AYUSH system of medicines in various hospitals especially in AIIMS, New Delhi during the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other measures taken by the Government to address the shortage of AYUSH doctors?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) to (c): There is no severe shortage of AYUSH doctors and paramedical staff in Government hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.

As Health is a State subject the information on shortage of AYUSH doctors and paramedical staff in Government hospitals State/UT-wise and stream-wise is not maintained by the Central Government. However, under National Health Mission, technical and financial support is provided to the States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare systems, engaging of AYUSH doctors on contractual basis at co-located health facilities based on their requirement posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

(d): No such assessment has been made with regard to patient treated through AYUSH system of medicines in various hospitals.

(e): Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM), the components for setting up of 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospitals and upgradation of stand-alone AYUSH Hospitals are having provisions for contractual deployment of AYUSH doctors in the Government hospitals under States/UTs. In this regard, the State/UT Governments are required to submit their proposal through the State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per the guidelines of the scheme.