

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 298
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH AUGUST, 2017
AYURVEDIC TREATMENT**

***298. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:**

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

- (a) whether there is a huge shortage of doctors and other staff in Ayurvedic hospitals/dispensaries in the country, if so, the details of shortage and availability of staff and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the building, equipment and other resources of these hospitals are not being utilized fully and if so, the details thereof including the number of patients treated during the last three years along with its capacity of treating patients; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Government to promote Ayurvedic treatment in the country during the said period?

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

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA

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(a) & (b) As Health is a State subject, the information on shortage of doctors and other staff in Ayurvedic hospitals/dispensaries in the country is not maintained by the Central Government. However, there are 419217 Ayurveda registered practitioners available in the country as on 01.01.2016. Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM), financial support is provided to the States/UTs for upgradation of AYUSH hospitals where States/UTs are eligible for engagement of AYUSH doctors on contractual basis in addition to the staffs employed by the State/UT Governments based on their requirement posed in their State Annual Action Plan (SAAP). The State/UT Governments are eligible to submit their proposal through the State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per the guidelines of the scheme. Further, utilization of building, equipment and other resources of these hospitals comes under the purview of State/UT Government. The information on number of patients treated during the last three years along with its capacity of treating patients is not maintained by the Central Government.

(c) The Central Government has launched Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) for overall promotion of AYUSH including Ayurvedic treatment in the country. The Mission envisages better access to AYUSH services including Ayurveda, strengthening of AYUSH educational institutions, enforcement of quality control of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani & Homoeopathy (ASU &H) drugs and promotion of medicinal plants for sustainable availability of raw-materials for ASU & H drugs in the States/UTs. Further, the Ministry has taken up initiatives for propagation and promotion of AYUSH systems of medicine including Ayurveda by organizing Arogya Fairs/Melas, Conferences, Exhibitions, Seminars, Workshops, Symposium and also publicity through electronic and print media.
