

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2500
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH MARCH, 2018**

AYUSH PHYSICIANS

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

- (a) the number of registered AYUSH physicians in the country and the proportion of them deployed in Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs);
- (b) the measures taken by the Government for capacity building of licensed AYUSH practitioners through bridge training in the country;
- (c) whether training will be given to AYUSH practitioners in dispensation of modern medicine, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the outcome of the measures taken so far with respect to training and capacity building of AYUSH physicians?

ANSWER

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

(a): The number of registered AYUSH practitioners is 7,73,668 as on 01.01.2017 as per information compiled by Ministry of AYUSH.

As per information available on the website of National Health Mission (NHM) under Management Information System (MIS) Report as on 30.09.2017, the total no. of 12080 AYUSH physician has been deployed under co-location of AYUSH facilities at different Healthcare Centres including Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs).

(b) to (d): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare informed that Ministry is in the process of upgrading Health Sub Centres to Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs) which will function as the first port of call to the community for Comprehensive Primary Health Care. It will be manned by a team led by a mid-level health care provider possessing skills as envisaged for a B.Sc (Community Health) graduate under bridge programme.

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