

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2516
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH MARCH, 2018**

REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

**2516. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:**

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

(a) whether the number of Registered Medical Practitioners (RMPs)/doctors under Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy systems of medicine (AYUSH) has increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to fix patient AYUSH practitioners ratio for expansion of the AYUSH system of medicine;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to reduce the gap between the number of doctors and patients in the AYUSH system of medicine in urban and rural areas?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per information available from State Boards/ Councils, the number of AYUSH Practitioners has increased from 7,44,563 in 2015 (01.01.2015) to 7,71,468 in 2016 (01.01.2016) and to 7,73,668 in 2017 (as on 01.01.2017)

(c) & (d): No.

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(e): The Government has taken various steps to promote AYUSH System of Medicine in urban and rural areas:-

(i) The National Policy on Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy-2002, envisages integration of AYUSH with the Health Care Delivery System. Mainstreaming of AYUSH is one of the strategies in National Health Mission (NHM) as well which seeks to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care in order to improve the existing health care delivery system.

(ii) Government of India has adopted a strategy of co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs), thus enabling choice to the patients for different systems of medicines under single window. The engagement of AYUSH Doctors / paramedics and their training is supported by the Department of Health & Family Welfare, while the support for AYUSH infrastructure, equipment / furniture and medicines are provided by Ministry of AYUSH under shared responsibilities.

(iii) The Government of India has approved the National AYUSH Mission (NAM) on 15.09.2014 as Centrally Sponsored Scheme comprising the components of AYUSH Services, AYUSH Educational Institutions, Quality Control of ASU & H Drugs and Medicinal Plants to implement through State/ UT Governments. Under NAM, State/ UT Governments may avail financial assistance through submission of State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs).

(iv) The Ministry takes up initiatives for propagation and promotion of AYUSH systems of medicine including Ayurveda by organizing Arogya fairs/ Melas, Conferences, Exhibitions, Seminar, Workshops, Symposium and also undertaking publicity through electronic multimedia, print media campaigning for awareness amongst the citizens all over the country.

(v) Establishment of Post Graduate Institutes of Yoga and Naturopathy Education and Research (PGIYNER).

(vi) Establishment of OPD of Yoga & Naturopathy.

(vii) Activities through participation in Health Melas/ Exhibition.

(viii) Celebration of International day of Yoga by organizing one month Yoga Training Programme in all districts of India.

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