

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6513
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH APRIL, 2018**

SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS

6513. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

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

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of doctors of AYUSH systems of medicine and paramedical staff in the Government hospitals and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of posts of AYUSH doctors lying vacant in the country including Chhattisgarh;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the treatment of patients through AYUSH systems of medicines in various hospitals including AIIMS, New Delhi during the last three years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of the said doctors and paramedical staff?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As Health is a State subject the information regarding acute shortage of doctors of AYUSH System of medicine & paramedical staff and posts of AYUSH doctors lying vacant in the country including State of Chhattisgarh are not maintained by the Central Government.

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

(e): Under National Health Mission, technical and financial support is provided to the States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare systems, engaging of AYUSH doctors and paramedical staff on contractual basis at co-located health facilities based on their requirement posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). Further, 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/UT Governments. 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.

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