

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6662  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018**

**AYUSH CLINIC FOR ELDERLY**

**6662. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government provides best services to elderly under AYUSH system of medicine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Government has any proposal to open special clinic for elder persons in villages;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other measures being taken by the Government to provide low cost healthcare facilities to elderly under AYUSH system of medicines?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): Yes, the Government provides optimum services to elderly under AYUSH system of medicines.

As Health is a State subject, opening of special clinic for elder persons in villages comes under the purview of the respective State/UT Government.

However, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM), there is a provision of financial assistance to the States/UTs for setting up of upto 50-bedded integrated AYUSH Hospitals and for establishment of AYUSH facility in Primary Health Centres (PHCs). Accordingly, State/UT Government may avail assistance through posing their requirement in their State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per NAM guidelines. Further, under NAM there is provision of supply of essential drugs to the AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries through which the public including elderly persons can avail free services.

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In addition, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous organization under Ministry of AYUSH provides health care services to elderly through Geriatric Out-Patient Departments (OPDs) at its 22 peripheral institutes. The details of the 22 peripheral institutes are placed at **Annexure**. Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS), an autonomous organization under Ministry of AYUSH is also providing Geriatric special Out Patient services. Further, National Institute of Siddha (NIS), an autonomous organization under Ministry of AYUSH also conduct a special OPD for elderly persons. Geriatric patients are exempted from payment of Indoor-Patient Department (IPD) charges.

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**ANNEXURE****CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN AYURVEDIC SCIENCES****List of Institutes conducting Geriatric OPD**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of Institute/Centres/Unit</b>
1.	Central Ayurveda Research Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi.
2.	Central Ayurveda Research Institute for Neuromuscular & Musculo-Skeletal Disorders, Cheruthuruthy, Kerala
3.	Central Ayurveda Research Institute for Hepatobiliary Disorders, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
4.	Central Ayurveda Research Institute for Drug Development, Kolkata, West Bengal
5.	Central Ayurveda Research Institute for Respiratory Disorders, Patiala, Punjab
6.	Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Eye Diseases, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
7.	Raja Ramdeo Anandilal Podar (RRAP) Central Ayurveda Research Institute for Cancer, Mumbai, Maharashtra
8.	M.S. Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Endocrine Disorders, Jaipur, Rajasthan
9.	Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Drug Development, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
10.	Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Skin disorders, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
11.	Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Mother and Child Health, Nagpur, Maharashtra
12.	Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Metabolic Disorders, Bangalore, Karnataka
13.	Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Life style related Disorders, Trivandrum, Kerala
14.	Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Infectious Diseases, Patna, Bihar
15.	Research Ayurveda Regional Institute for Gastro-Intestinal Disorders, Guwahati, Assam
16.	Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Gangtok, Sikkim
17.	Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
18.	Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Urinary Disorders, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir
19.	Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Nutritional Disorders , Mandi, Himachal Pradesh
20.	Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Skin Disorders, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
21.	Advanced Center for Ayurveda in Mental Health & Neurosciences, Bangalore, Karnataka
22.	Dr. Achanta Lakshmpati Research Centre for Ayurveda, Chennai, Tamil Nadu