

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1053  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**

**SHORTAGE OF AYUSH DOCTORS**

**1053. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:  
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:**

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

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of AYUSH doctors in the country, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to meet the requirements;
- (b) the number of posts including that of doctors/specialists lying vacant at present in AYUSH hospitals in the country particularly in metro cities;
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to fill up the said posts; and
- (d) the other measures taken/being taken by the Government to reduce the shortage of doctors in all AYUSH hospitals/ dispensaries of the country?

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

(a) to (d): There is no acute shortage of AYUSH Doctors in the country. As Public Health is a State subject, the number of posts including that of doctors/specialists lying vacant at present in AYUSH hospitals in the country including metro cities is not maintained by the Central Government. Further, the primary responsibility to fill up the posts of doctors/specialists also comes under the purview of respective State/UT Government. However, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM), the components for setting up of upto 50 bedded integrated AYUSH hospitals and upgradation of exclusive standalone AYUSH Hospitals inter-alia are having provision for contractual deployment of AYUSH Doctors in the Government Hospitals under State/UT Governments. In this regard State/UT Governments are required to submit their proposals through State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per the guidelines of the scheme.

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