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

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.109 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JUNE, 2019 SCHEME FOR YOGA AWARENESS

†*109. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK: SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has been organizing any special scheme/programme for creating public awareness towards yoga across the country including Assam and other North Eastern States; and
- (b) if so, the details in this regard?

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

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 109* FOR 28TH JUNE, 2019

(a) & (b) The Ministry of AYUSH strives to promote the different AYUSH systems including Yoga and to create public awareness in the country about these systems for the benefit of the people. Under the Information Education and Communication (IEC) Scheme, numerous activities have been taken up to reach out to people and to create awareness about Yoga. These activities duly cover Assam and other North Eastern States also. IEC activities include programs on TV, Radio, Print-media, Arogya Fairs, Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops to create awareness about Yoga among the people.

Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), New Delhi, an autonomous institution of Ministry of AYUSH has been conducting one-month Yoga training programs for International Day of Yoga (IDY) through selected collaborating institutions. The details are as follows:

S. No.	Year	Total Number of Districts covered	Districts covered in North Eastern States
1.	2015	537	73
2.	2016	537	73
3.	2017	473	42
4.	2018	421	34

CCRYN has also facilitated to set up 50 Yoga parks across the country to conduct regular Yoga training programme for the general public and to manage the park as a hub of Yoga. One such Yoga park has been set up in Imphal, Manipur. Another activity that is relevant in this context is the financial assistance provided by CCRYN for establishing and running Naturopathy & Yoga Clinics/ Hospitals. Out of 30 such Clinics/Hospitals across the country, 5 are in North Eastern States. The aim of this activity is to assist the establishing Naturopathy Clinics/ Hospitals in different parts of the country and to

strengthen the existing Naturopathy & Yoga Clinics/ Hospitals. This also helps to increase awareness levels about Yoga across the country.

As a part of observation of International Day of Yoga (IDY) on 21st June, this Ministry reached out to about 2.5 lakh *Gram Pradhans* with suggested plan of action for Yoga promotion in villages. Common Service Centres (CSCs) of the Ministry of Electronics & IT were also roped in for promotion of Yoga in rural areas. Various promotional efforts of IDY over print and electronic media extensively covered Assam & North Eastern States also.

In addition to the above, under National AYUSH Mission (NAM), financial assistance is provided to States and Union Territories for setting up AYUSH Wellness Centres, in which Yoga is an important component. Yoga is also integrated into the Health & Wellness Centres of the flagship AYUSHMAN Bharat Scheme, thus making it accessible to the common people in different corners of the country.

Though there is no such "Special scheme/program" for promotion of Yoga dedicated to Assam and other North Eastern States, the above activities have covered these States significantly. A list of National & State Arogya Fairs (which includes coverage of Yoga) organised in North Eastern States is given at **Annexure.**

Annexure

Details of National Arogya Fairs

S No	State/UT	Location	Date
1	Assam	Guwahati	30 Jan to 2 Feb, 2015

Details of 24 State Arogya Fairs

S No	State/UT	Location	Date	
1		Itanagar	18-22 March, 2010	
	Arunachal Pradesh	Ziro Lower Subansiri District	3-6 October, 2012	
		Itanagar	20-22 February, 2017	
2	Assam	Guwahati	4-7 December, 2009	
	Manipur		27-30 Nov. 2009	
3		Imphal	24-27 April 2015	
			6-9 December, 2018	
4	Meghalaya	CL:11	1-4 May, 2009	
4		Shillong	18-20 November, 2016	
		Aizwal	13-15 April 2010	
_	Minama	Aizwal	9-12 May, 2011	
5	Mizoram	Lunglei	20-23 November, 2012	
		Aizwal	5-8 May, 2015	
	Nagaland	Kohima	18-20 March 2009	
6		Dimapur	16-19 March, 2012	
		Mokukchung	12-16 December, 2017	
	Sikkim	Gangtok	12-16 March 2010	
		Gangtok	3-7 April, 2013.	
7		Jorethang	14-17 January, 2017	
		Jorethang	14-16 January, 2018	
		Jorethang	15-17 January, 2019	
8			12-15 February 2010	
	Tripura	Agartala	18-22 February, 2012	
			22-24 January, 2016	