

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1224
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JUNE, 2019**

AYUSH FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

1224. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

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

- (a) whether Government is providing better health services to the senior citizens under AYUSH treatment system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether Government proposes to open special clinics for the aged persons in villages;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other measures being taken by the Government to provide cheaper health facilities to the aged persons under the AYUSH system of medicine?

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 senior citizens under AYUSH system of medicines.

As Health is a State subject, opening of special clinic for senior citizens 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 senior citizens can avail free services.

In addition, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous organization under Ministry of AYUSH is providing health services to the senior citizens through its 24 Clinical units (Special Geriatric Clinics) located throughout the country. Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, an autonomous organization under Ministry of AYUSH is providing health services to the elderly persons through its 24 research centres and 6 peripheral Out Patient Departments (OPDs) located throughout the country. 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) and National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM), autonomous organizations under Ministry of AYUSH also conduct special OPDs for senior citizens.