

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 9
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JUNE, 2019**

YOGA TRAINING CENTRES

9. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to open new yoga training centres in the country specially in rural and remote areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote yoga and naturopathy in the rural areas?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): There is no such proposal currently with this Ministry.

(c): Since Health is a State subject, the concerned State Governments initiate various steps for promotion of Yoga and Naturopathy in their respective domains. At the Central level, Ministry of AYUSH also strives to promote these systems and to create awareness in rural areas for the benefit of the people. Under the Information Education and Communication (IEC) Scheme, many activities are taken up to reach out to people and to create awareness about Yoga in Rural areas. This covers considerable part of rural India. IEC activities include programs on TV, Radio, Print-media etc.

As a part of observation of International Day of Yoga (IDY) on 21st June, this Ministry has reached out to about 2.5 lakh Gram Pradhan with suggested plan of action for Yoga promotion in villages. Common Service Centers of the Ministry of Electronics & IT have also been roped in for promotion of Yoga in rural areas.

National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN), an Institute under Ministry of AYUSH, conducts on an average 16 outreach activities every month to popularize Yoga and Naturopathy, some of which are held in villages near Pune.

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.

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