

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.-1735
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16/12/2022

HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH IN AYUSH

1735 # SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of education system of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathic streams in Government and non-Government colleges;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide any financial assistance and employment facility to the researchers for world class higher education and research in the said streams; and
- (c) if so, the detail thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

- (a): National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) Act, 2020 and National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH) Act, 2020 were enacted on 21st September, 2020, to replace the existing Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 respectively and respective councils established there under. Accordingly, the Central Council of Indian Medicine constituted under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 (48 of 1970), has been superseded by National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) vide Ministry's Notification dated 11th June, 2021. The Central Council of Homoeopathy constituted under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 (59 of 1973) has been superseded by National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH) vide Ministry's Notification dated 5th July, 2021.

Further, the following reforms have been taken for bringing transparency & improve quality education in AYUSH institutions:

- i. Regulation for Minimum Standard of Undergraduate Education for ASU colleges has been notified and implemented.
- ii. NCISM has prepared 1st professional competency based/outcome based syllabus for ASUS streams based on the National Education Policy (NEP).
- iii. Since NCISM is focusing on skill development, teaching hours to be devoted for practical/clinical training has been double over classroom teaching hours.
- iv. To acquaint knowledge in multidisciplinary aspects, online Elective courses have been implemented for all ASUS Colleges.

- v. An orientation program for all PG guides has been conducted by the NCISM to improve the quality of PG dissertation work and subsequent publications in ASU colleges.
- vi. NCISM has initiated the proceedings to facilitate industry academic interface to provide industry oriented training for ASU PG students.
- vii. Steps have been taken by NCISM to formulate the Methodology to incorporate Modern Advances, Scientific and Technological Development in the curriculum of ASU.
- viii. A uniform entrance examination namely, the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to all Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU & H) Under-graduate courses.
- ix. A uniform entrance examination namely, the All India AYUSH Post Graduate Entrance Test (AIAPGET) for admission to postgraduate course in all ASU & H Institutions.
- x. All India Quota Seats has been created: Minimum 15% of the total seats (which may be more as per existing rules of the concerned State/University/Institutes) of all ASU & H (UG & PG) courses in Government, Government aided, Private Colleges, Deemed Universities, Central Universities and National Institutes from academic year 2019-20.

(b) & (c):

- i. Government of India has established five (05) Research Councils viz., Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN) under the Ministry of Ayush, as apex organizations for undertaking, coordinating, formulating, developing and promoting research in Ayush system on scientific lines.
- ii. There are posts of Research Officers in the respective Research Councils who are employed to conduct research in the field related to them.
- iii. As per the provisions of National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Education for Ayurveda/Siddha/Unani) Regulations-2022, the researchers with full time research experience of 10 years/5 years duration are eligible, along with other criteria, as Professors/Associate Professors, respectively, to be employed in the Teaching Institutions.
- iv. The Ministry of Ayush is running a Central Sector Scheme namely “AYURGYAN Scheme” to support Education, Research & Innovation in AYUSH system. The scheme provides financial assistance to the organizations for research in Extra Mural mode. Under this scheme, Ministry of Ayush provides financial support for staff, equipment and contingencies for the Research project up to an amount not exceeding Rs. 70.00 Lakh.
- v. FITM-AYUSH Research Fellowship Scheme: Forum on Indian Traditional Medicine is established at Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), as part of the initiative of Ministry of Ayush and RIS to undertake policy research on Indian Traditional Medicines (ITMs). It offers Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Programs wherein financial assistance of 5 lakh/year and 7.5 lakh/year, respectively, are provided.

- vi. The Ayush Ph.D Fellowship Scheme has been initiated in 2016 by the Ministry of Ayush for admission to Ph.D programme and provide stipend to scholars.
- vii. CCRAS Post Doctoral Fellowship Scheme has been initiated in 2021 with Ten (10) fellowships every year to promising fresh Ph. D holders/M.D. scholars. The scheme aims at facilitating their transition from mentored to independent research career. The selected candidates are provided the fellowship of Rs. 60,000/- per month + HRA + Rs. 3,00,000/- annual contingency for 2 years.
- viii. The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences has initiated the Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken (SPARK) to promote interest and aptitude for research among Ayurveda undergraduate. The studentship of 25,000/- per month for two months duration (50,000/-) is provided as stipend to each selected student on completion of his research work.
- ix. The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has initiated the Short Tern Studentship in Homoeopathy Program to promote interest and aptitude for research among Homoeopathic undergraduate. The studentship of 20,000/- is provided as stipend to each selected candidates.
- x. The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has initiated a scheme for Quality MD dissertations in Homoeopathy and provides scholarship of Rs. 25000/- to selected medical graduates/postgraduate who are pursuing MD/PhD programmes in Homoeopathy through recognized medical institutes/Universities.
- xi. In addition, PG and PhD courses are available with financial assistance/stipend in the Government colleges/institutes wherein the Research Scholars (PG/PhD) will submit their research work to the concerned Universities.
