

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.-1779
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16/12/2022**

INTRODUCTION OF AYURVEDA NURSING DEGREES

1779. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has introduced Ayurveda Nursing Degree;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote enrollment for the ayurveda Nursing Degree;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to ensure greater availability of Ayurveda nurses in rural areas where the nurses to population ratio is low; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a) to (d): At present there is no such proposal to introduce Ayurveda Nursing Degree as a separate degree. However, a Post Basic Diploma in Ayurvedic Nursing-Residency Programme as additional qualification has been prepared by Indian Nursing Council (INC) in consultation with All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi. The duration of the course is one year and the syllabus has been approved by the Indian Nursing Council (INC).

The revised B.Sc. Nursing syllabus notified on 5th July 2021 by the Indian Nursing Council (INC) includes aspects of Ayush in various semesters of B.Sc. Nursing syllabus under different subjects as per applicability to nursing care as follows:

- i. In Adult Nursing I – alternative therapies used in caring for patients with medical surgical disorders.
- ii. In Mental Health Nursing I – under therapies used in mental disorders, alternative and complementary therapies such as Yoga, meditation and Naturopathy.
- iii. Ayush being part of Indian system of medicine as alternative treatment modality for caring for patients is introduced in 1st semester in Nursing Foundation subject.
- iv. In Community Health Nursing syllabus — 7th semester which includes field visits to Ayush clinic in Community Health Nursing practical's.

v. In Pharmacology II-4th semester which deals with common drugs in alternate system of medicine.

Further, the Registered Nurse & Registered Midwife (Allopathic Trained Nurses) can undergo the Post Basic Diploma in Ayurveda Nursing-Residency Programme and register herself/himself under additional qualification in the respective State Nursing Council where he/she wishes to practice.

In addition to this, it is also informed that the National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA)-Jaipur, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Ayush, is running Diploma Course in Ayush Nursing & Pharmacy.

(e) & (f) The above-said Diploma Course will help in the availability of Ayurveda nurses in rural areas where the nurse-to-population ratio is low.
