

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
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REVITALIZE THE TRADITIONAL SYSTEM OF MEDICINE

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

- (a) whether the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) aims to revitalize the traditional system of medicine and AYUSH, so as to strengthen the public health system at all levels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action plan formulated by the Government to revitalize traditional system of medicines and promote its practitioners?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a) to (c): 'Public Health and Hospitals' being a State subject the primary responsibility to ensure healthcare services lies with the respective State Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), Government of India provides technical and financial support to States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare systems, including support for engagement of doctors and for mainstreaming of AYUSH through co-located facilities, based on the requirements posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope.

Under National Health Mission (NHM) of which National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is one of the component, engagement of Ayurveda Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) doctors/ paramedics is being supported, provided they are co-located with existing District Hospitals (DHs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) with priority given to remote PHCs and CHCs.

AYUSH doctors are also being engaged under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK). Ayurveda practitioner, trained and certified through IGNOU/other State Public Health/Medical Universities for a set of competencies in delivering public health and primary care services are also being engaged as Community Health Officer (CHO) at Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centre- Sub Centres (AB-HWC-SCs).

As on June, 2022, over 27,606 AYUSH doctors and 4,337 AYUSH Paramedical Staff are supported under NHM at over 14,309 functional co-located facilities under NHM

Further, North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Folk Medicine Research, located in Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh has been established with a mandate to revitalize and promote Folk Healing practices & Folk medicine. The institute is engaged in documentation of ethnomedicinal practices and scientific validation of folk claims. Furthermore, the institute is also trying to develop capacity building among the traditional healers and organizing awareness camps for popularizing the potentiality of folk healing practices & folk medicine. Quality Council of India (QCI) is certifying Traditional Community Healthcare Providers (TCHP) under Voluntary Certification Scheme for Traditional Community Healthcare Providers (VCSTCHP).

With regard to quality control mechanisms in teaching institutes across the country the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) Act, 2020 was enacted on 21st September, 2020, to replace the existing Indian Medicine Central Council (IMCC) Act, 1970 to introduce competency based/outcome based Course Curriculum, Syllabus, Transitional Curriculum & User Manual for Under Graduate (UG) Courses. Further, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) and Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) are autonomous organizations under Ministry of Ayush for research including medicinal research in Ayurveda, Unani, and Siddha system of Medicine respectively. CCRAS, CCRUM, CCRS are working towards the scientific validation in the concerned system of medicines through clinical research, drug research, medicinal plants research, fundamental research, literary research and documentation.