

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4120
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH MARCH, 2023**

AYUSH TREATMENT FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS

4120. SHRIMATI SANGEETA AZAD:

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

- (a) the details of AYUSH treatment facilities available in the rural areas of the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the funds allocated and released for the same during the last three years;
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to augment and facilitate the expansion of these facilities in the State of Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to promote the Indian system of medicine internationally due to its affordability and effectiveness in the treatment of chronic diseases; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a) to (c) Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide AYUSH treatment facilities in the States/UTs including rural areas of the Country including Uttar Pradesh lies with the respective State/UT Governments. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the National AYUSH Mission (NAM), there is provision of financial assistance for setting up of up to 50/30/10 bedded integrated AYUSH hospitals, upgradation of standalone Government AYUSH hospitals & dispensaries, co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs) for providing AYUSH treatment facilities in the States/UTs covering rural areas of the country including Uttar Pradesh. Grant-in-aid of Rs.494.91 Crore, Rs.397.18 Crore and Rs.458.38 Crore has been released during 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively for different activities of NAM as per proposal received from State/UT Governments including Uttar Pradesh.
- (d) & (e) The Ministry has developed a Central Sector Scheme for the Promotion of International Co-operation in AYUSH (IC Scheme) under which the Ministry of Ayush provides support to Indian Ayush drug Manufacturers/ Ayush Service providers to give boost to the export of AYUSH products & services; facilitates the International promotion, development and recognition of AYUSH system of medicine; foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of AYUSH at international level; promote academics

and research through the establishment of AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign countries and holding training workshop/symposiums for promoting and strengthening awareness and interest about AYUSH Systems of Medicine at international level.

The Ministry of Ayush has taken the following steps towards the international recognition for AYUSH systems of medicine:

- Signed 24 Country to Country MoUs for Cooperation in field of Traditional Medicine and Homoeopathy with foreign nations.
- Signed 40 MoUs with international institutes for undertaking Collaborative Research / Academic collaboration.
- Signed 15 MoUs with international institutes for setting up of AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign nations.
- Supported the establishment of 39 Ayush Information Cells in 35 foreign nations.
- Offers scholarships to foreign nationals for undertaking AYUSH courses in recognized AYUSH institutions in India under International Ayush Fellowship/Scholarship Programme.
- In cooperation with QCI, got developed Quality Certification programme viz. Ayush mark and Premium mark to increase the reliability of standards of ASU&H Products.
- Given WHO-GMP (COPP) to 31 Ayurvedic Drug manufacturers to facilitate the export of Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani & Homoeopathy Drugs.
- Signed an agreement with WHO to establish WHO-GCTM in Jamnagar, Gujarat, the ground-breaking Ceremony of which was attended by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Director General of WHO and other esteemed dignitaries on 19.04.2022 in Jamnagar, Gujarat. This Centre aims to provide support to implement WHO's traditional medicine strategy (2014-23) and to support nations in developing policies & action plans to strengthen the role of traditional medicine as part of their journey to universal health coverage.
- Supported the establishment of Ayush Export Promotion Council (Ayushexcil) to promote the export of AYUSH products/ medicines as well as AYUSH services. This was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 20th April 2022 at Global Ayush Innovation and Investment Summit in Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
