

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 28
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST JULY, 2023**

CME SCHEME UNDER AYURGYAN SCHEME

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any financial assistance is being provided to the institutions for holding Continuing Medical Education (CME) scheme under Ayurgyan scheme to train AYUSH personnel viz., teachers and doctors and if so, the criteria thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has planned to deploy the organizations and experts to create an Information Technology (IT) interface for the use of AYUSH systems in teaching and capacity building and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government plans to extend the benefits of the CME scheme to the doctors, paramedics, scientists and teachers who do not belong to the AYUSH systems;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the intense global competition with regard to the trade of herbal products; and
- (e) if so, the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure the validation of claims and acceptability of the AYUSH approach as well as drugs across the global market?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)**

(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) Yes. Ministry of Ayush is running a Central Sector Scheme namely Ayurgyan Scheme having two components viz. i) Capacity Building & Continuing Medical Education in Ayush; and ii) Research & Innovation in Ayush) from FY 2021-22.

Under Capacity Building & CME in Ayush component, financial assistance is being provided to the grantee organizations for holding CME program for Ayush personnel viz. teachers and doctors. Detailed guidelines of CME component of Ayurgyan Scheme is available on the Ministry's website (<https://ayush.gov.in>)

Criteria for applying institutions/organizations: Institutions/Organizations having at least 5 years of standing are eligible to apply for CME program.

The following institutions/organization are eligible for holding training program:

- a. Ayush National Institutes, Universities and other Health Universities.
- b. PG Institutions fulfilling infrastructure, staff requirement in concerned subject as per, NCISM/NCH norms.
- c. UG College permitted by the NCISM/NCH to admit students at least for the last two continuous years in case of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy.
- d. Other Institutes/establishments of national repute rendering services in the Ayush sector.
- e. Central/ State Govt. Resource Training Center or Institute of Health & Family Welfare capable to undertake Ayush training in collaboration with an Ayush teaching institution/hospital.
- f. State Ayush Directorates capable to undertake District/Sub-Districts level training of Ayush practitioners/Paramedics/health workers;
- g. Reputed organizations/associations/forums working for the promotion of Ayush systems of medicine.

- h. Allopathy institutions having Ayush Department.
- i. Universities with Yoga Department
- j. Reputed institutes involved in advance research in basic sciences
- k. Research & Development laboratories in public/private sector having working in Bio-medical or related area or of reputed pharma companies.

(b) Yes. Ministry of Ayush has developed Ayush **E-Learning Management System (e-LMS)** an IT interface for the use of Ayush systems in teaching and capacity building.

The link of the portal is https://ayushedu.bisag-n.gov.in/AYUSH_EDU/landingpage

The E-LMS is a comprehensive Digital Learning platform and Collaboration System for Ayush Education and training through dynamic and seamless interaction with Students, Academia and Practitioners. This portal has also features like an e-classroom Module, webcasts for live and interactive sessions for the benefit of students.

The Ayush e-LMS portal is conceived and built by the Ministry of Ayush to bring transparency, accountability, high academic standards, and professional competency to the Ayush doctors for their active contribution to National Health Care and offer services with due diligence in the International arena as applicable.

In addition to above, under Capacity Building & CME in Ayush component, financial assistance is also provided for development of Web-based (on-line) educational programmes.

(c) Yes. Under Capacity Building & CME in Ayush component, there are provisions of Orientation Training Program (OTP) for non-Ayush doctors and

scientists and financial assistance upto Rs.10.00 lakhs is supported to the Grantee Institutions/Organizations under the following sub-components: -

- i. 6-days Orientation Training program (OTP) of Ayush systems for non-Ayush doctors/scientists;
- ii. 6-days OTP programme Yoga/Naturopathy training for Ayush/allopathy doctors; and
- iii. Two-days National Level Workshops/ Conferences for CME to Ayush/ Allopathic practitioners.

(d) & (e) Yes. Ministry of Ayush is aware of the intense global competition trade of herbal products. The steps taken to ensure the validation of claims and acceptability of Ayush approach as well as drugs across the global market are as follows: -

- **Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H)**, a sub-ordinate office under Ministry of Ayush lays down Pharmacopoeia Standards and Formulary specifications for drugs, which serve as official compendia for ascertaining the identity, purity and strength of the drugs included therein.
- **Certificate of Pharmaceutical Products (COPP)** granted as per WHO GMP Certification Scheme by Central Drugs Standard Control Organization. It certifies that a particular pharmaceutical product, including Ayurvedic medicines, has been manufactured in accordance with the relevant guidelines and meets the quality standards required for its registration and sale in India and international markets. The COPP is an important requirement for obtaining marketing authorizations and exporting pharmaceutical products;

The proactive efforts made by Central Government in generating evidence about the health benefits as well as safety of AYUSH drugs has given a significant boost to the demand of Ayush medicine across the world.

In addition to above, the Ministry of Ayush is also running a Central Sector Scheme for promotion of International Co-operation in Ayush to provide support to Indian Ayush Manufacturers/ Ayush Service providers to give boost to export of Ayush products & Services; facilitate International promotion, development and recognition of Ayush system of medicine, foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of Ayush at International level. The Ministry of Ayush has taken the following steps towards the international recognition for AYUSH systems of medicine:

- A. Signed 24 Country to Country MoUs for Cooperation in field of Traditional Medicine and Homoeopathy with foreign nations.
- B. Signed 40 MoUs with international institutes for undertaking Collaborative Research / Academic collaboration.
- C. Signed 15 MoUs with international institutes for setting up of AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign nations.
- D. Supported the establishment of 39 Ayush Information Cells in 35 foreign nations.
- E. Given WHO-GMP (COPP) to 31 Ayurvedic Drug manufacturers to facilitate the export of Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani & Homoeopathy Drugs.
- F. Supported the establishment of Ayush Export Promotion Council (Ayushexcil) to promote the export of Ayush products/ medicines as well as Ayush services.
