

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 264
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2023**

‘HEAL BY INDIA’ AND ‘HEAL IN INDIA’ INITIATIVES

**264. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:**

Will the **Minister of Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce an integrated health policy in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is also considering to integrate AYUSH systems into mainstream public healthcare delivery to provide comprehensive and holistic approach to patient care;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether Government's initiatives of 'Heal by India' and 'Heal in India' are getting overwhelming response across the world; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the number of patients received in the country after the said initiatives?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY
WELFARE
(Dr. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (e)

National Health Policy - 2017 by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare envisages the goal of attainment of the highest possible level of health and well-being for all at all ages, through a preventive and promotive healthcare orientation, and universal access to good quality healthcare services without anyone having to face financial hardships as a consequence. The focus is on increasing access, improving quality and lowering the cost of healthcare delivery. The policy recognizes the pivotal importance of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

National Health Policy also talks about access to AYUSH remedies through co-location in public facilities. The policy recognizes the need to standardize and validate Ayurvedic medicines and establish a robust and effective quality control mechanism for AYUSH drugs. To further expand the policy areas and enhancing healthcare services in the country, the

Government is significantly strengthening its healthcare services by striving towards an integrated health approach. This will facilitate cross-referrals and enable true integration of different systems of treatment.

Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centers (HWC) at the field level are established to deliver a comprehensive range of primary healthcare services spanning preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative, and palliative care. HWCs are envisaged to deliver an expanded range of services that go beyond maternal and child health care services to include care for non - communicable diseases, palliative and rehabilitative care, Oral, Eye and ENT care, mental health and first-level care for emergencies and trauma, including free essential drugs and diagnostic services. These include integration with Ayush also. There are 1,60,002 functional HWCs under NHM and another 12500 Ayush HWCs under Ministry of Ayush to provide Comprehensive Primary Health Care services that are universal and free to users.

With a view to promote value - based health care, Ministry of Health is working towards promotion of Medical Value Travel and Human Resources Mobility under the overarching theme of Heal in India and Heal by India. Required Action in terms of roadshows, orientation of Indian Mission abroad, coordination with all stakeholders Ministries, Hospitals, Insurance Companies and MVT facilitators facilitate and create a conducive environment to support these initiatives.
