

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3777  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023**

**PROMOTION OF AYUSH**

**3777. SHRI B.B. PATIL:  
DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:  
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any plan to promote treatment through AYUSH system of medicines in rural areas across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether AYUSH medicines have been made available in AYUSH units of Government hospitals already established in rural areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is mulling over promoting AYUSH medicines in rural areas in the future and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide yoga training to women in rural areas across the country and if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in this regard; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor along with the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government?

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

(a) to (d) Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide treatment through Ayush system in rural areas lies with the respective State/UT Governments. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the National Ayush Mission (NAM), there is a provision of financial assistance to support the efforts of State/UT Government for promoting treatment through Ayush systems by different activities like supply of medicines to Ayush Hospitals & Dispensaries, co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) & District Hospitals (DHs), upgradation of standalone Government Ayush hospitals & dispensaries and setting up of 50/30/10 bedded integrated Ayush

hospitals. Further, grant-in-aid of Rs. 3666.95 Crore has been released to the State/UT Governments from 2014-15 to 2022-23 for different activities including support for treatment facilities as per proposals received through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs).

Under NAM, grant-in-aid has been provided to the State/UT Governments for the supply of essential Ayush medicines to Ayush hospitals and dispensaries in the country including in rural areas as per the proposals received from them through SAAPs. Under NAM, a total grant-in-aid of Rs. 1162.43 Crore has been sanctioned from 2014-15 to 2022-23 to different States/UTs for the supply of Ayush medicines to Ayush hospitals and dispensaries.

(e) & (f) Ministry of Ayush is implementing the operationalization of 12,500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centers (AHWCs) by upgrading Ayush Dispensaries and Sub Health Centres through State/UT Governments as a component of NAM. At these Ayush HWCs, Yoga will be taught to the public for general health promotion as a community-based intervention by trained Yoga Instructors. As per the guidelines, there is a provision to engage one male and one female Yoga Instructor on part-time basis in AHWCs.

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