

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3842
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023**

YOGA AND NATUROPATHY UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES

3842. DR. TALARI RANGAIAH:

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

- (a) the number of AYUSH Universities and Colleges particularly for Yoga and Naturopathy streams along with the number of students in the country;
- (b) the details of the employment opportunities available for the degree holders of Yoga and Naturopathy in Public and Private sectors of the country, State/UT-wise including globally;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the first instance of consideration of the eligibility of the degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD) in Swasth Vritta from Ayurveda stream for the post of Director in National institution of Yoga stream, viz., Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for neglecting/non-eligibility of the Doctorate/Postgraduate/Graduate degree holders of Yoga stream viz.; Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences (BNYS), M.D./Ph.D. in Yoga, etc.;
- (e) whether the Government has any plan to integrate all Yoga courses with Ayurveda stream while BNYS and MD in Yoga already consists of the same, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to constitute any statutory/regulatory body for Yoga and Naturopathy under the drugless systems of AYUSH, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

- (a): As per the information received from the University Grants Commission, there are 20 Universities (with student intake capacity of 5177) & 28 Colleges (with student intake capacity of 2165) conducting courses at different levels in Yoga and Naturopathy.
- (b): Ministry of Ayush is not maintaining any specific details of the employment opportunities available for the degree holders of Yoga and Naturopathy in Public and Private sectors of the country.
- (c) and (d): Yes, because Yoga is covered in MD (Swasth Vritta) course curriculum. As per Recruitment Rules (RRs), any degree with 2 year PG diploma is one of the essential qualification. So, BNYS graduates with 2 years PG degree/diploma are also eligible.
- (e): There is no such proposal to integrate all Yoga courses with Ayurveda stream.
- (f): There are no approved proposals to constitute any statutory/regulatory body for Yoga and Naturopathy under the drugless systems of AYUSH. Ministry of Ayush is promoting and propagating Yoga worldwide. It will require active cooperation and support of stakeholders across the globe.