

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.-1119**

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**Seats in AYUSH Colleges**

**1119. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of an increase in the number of vacant seats in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy colleges of both the Government and private sectors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof in the current academic year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take any steps in promoting AYUSH education and the AYUSH model of medical treatments in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF AYUSH**

**(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a) and (b) No sir, the number of vacant seats in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy Colleges of both Government and Private sector in the country for the current academic year (2023-24) is reduced as compared with the previous academic year (2022-23).

(c) and (d) In the process of promotion and development of the Ayush sector and to streamline the education of the Indian System of Medicine & Homoeopathy (ISM & H), the Central Government has enacted the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Act 2020 (NCISM Act 2020) and National Commission for Homoeopathy Act 2020 (NCH Act 2020). Further, the Central Government, by notification, constituted two commissions, namely the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) and the National Commission for

Homoeopathy (NCH) to exercise the powers conferred upon and to perform the functions assigned to them under the NCISM Act 2020 & NCH Act 2020 respectively.

The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) Act, 2020, and National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH) Act, 2020 are available at the following link: <https://ncismindia.org/NCISM%20Gazette%20notification.pdf> and [http://nch.org.in/upload/pdf\\_upload-381801.pdf](http://nch.org.in/upload/pdf_upload-381801.pdf) respectively.

Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) across the country through State/UT Governments for overall development and promotion of Ayush systems and providing financial assistance to them as per the proposals received in their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per NAM guidelines. The mission inter-alia makes provision for the following: -

- i. Operationalization of Ayush Health & Wellness Centres by upgrading existing Ayush dispensaries and Health Sub-centres
- ii. Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs)
- iii. Upgradation of existing standalone Government Ayush Hospitals
- iv. Upgradation of existing Government/ Panchayat/ Government aided Ayush Dispensaries/Construction of building for existing Ayush Dispensary (Rented/dilapidated accommodation)/ Construction of building to establish new Ayush Dispensary
- v. Setting up of upto 10/30/50 bedded integrated Ayush Hospitals.
- vi. Supply of essential drugs to Government Ayush Hospitals, Government Dispensaries and Government/ Government aided Teaching Institutional Ayush Hospitals.
- vii. Establishment of new Ayush colleges in the States where availability of Ayush teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector.
- viii. Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate Institutions

- ix. Infrastructural development of Ayush Post-Graduate Institutions/add on PG/ Pharmacy/Para-Medical Courses.

State/UT Governments may avail the eligible financial assistance by submitting the suitable proposals through their SAAPs as per the provision of NAM guidelines

Further, the following reforms have been taken for bringing transparency & improve quality education in AYUSH institutions:

- i. Admission is being done through the common Entrance Examination now National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET-UG) to all Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, and Homoeopathy (ASU & H) Under-Graduate courses conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA).
- ii. Admissions to all Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, and Homoeopathy (ASU & H) Post graduate Colleges are being done through a common Entrance test called All India AYUSH Post Graduate Entrance Test (AIAPGET) conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA).
- iii. All India Quota Seats have been created: Minimum 15% of the total seats (which may be more as per existing rules of the concerned State/University/Institutes) of all ASU & H (UG & PG) courses in Government, Government aided, Private Colleges, Deemed Universities, Central Universities and National Institutes from academic year 2019-20.
- iv. A Committee namely AYUSH Admissions Central Counseling Committee (AACCC) has also been constituted to conduct counseling for All India Quota (AIQ) seats under Government, Government aided, Central Universities National Institutes and Deemed Universities for every academic year.
- v. National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Ayurveda Education) Regulation-2022 has been notified.
- vi. National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Unani Education) Regulations-2022 has been notified.
- vii. National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Siddha Education) Regulations-2022 has been notified.

- viii. National Commission for Indian System of Medicine ((Minimum Standard of Undergraduate Sowa-Rigpa Education) Regulations-2022 has been notified.
- ix. National Commission for Homoeopathy (Homoeopathy Graduate Degree Course – Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery (B.H.M.S). Regulations- 2022 has been notified.

Furthermore, the steps taken by the NCISM, NCH and Research Councils for the promotion and development of AYUSH education in the country are placed **as Annexure-I.**

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**The steps taken by Government for the promotion and development of AYUSH education in the country:**

- i. National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) has prepared and implemented 1<sup>st</sup> professional competency based/outcome based syllabus for Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Sowa-Rigpa streams based on the National Education Policy (NEP).
- ii. Since NCISM is focusing on skill development, teaching hours to be devoted for practical/clinical training has been made twice in respect to classroom teaching hours.
- iii. To acquaint knowledge in multidisciplinary aspects, online Elective courses have been implemented for all Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Sowa-Rigpa Colleges.
- iv. An orientation program for all PG guides has been conducted by the NCISM to improve the quality of PG dissertation work and subsequent publications in ASU colleges.
- v. NCISM has initiated the proceedings to facilitate industry academic interface to provide industry oriented training for ASU PG students.
- vi. Steps have been taken by NCISM to formulate the Methodology to incorporate Modern Advances, Scientific and Technological Development in the curriculum of ASU.
- vii. Early clinical exposure to medical students also implemented from first year of the course/ program.
- viii. NCISM has trained master trainers who are well-oriented in publication ethics, research integrity and scientific writing so as to train all PG guides of ASUS post graduate institutions across the country.
- ix. National Commission for Homoeopathy (NBCH) has been constituted to improve the quality of education, through regulatory provisions & streamlining of registration, ethical practice throughout the Country.
- x. To make people aware about benefits of Ayush treatment during Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav health camps and Ayush awareness sessions for schools were organized by the Homoeopathy Medical Colleges all over India.
- xi. To create awareness about homoeopathy treatment regular medical camps for local residents, schools are conducted by Homoeopathy Medical Colleges from time to time.

- xii. To promote the Homoeopathy Medical Education, National Commission for Homoeopathy has organized 04 stakeholders meet at various places in India.
- xiii. Homoeopathy medical colleges encouraged to get NAAC and NABH accreditation for quality services to public through attached hospitals.
- xiv. NCH has developed competency based dynamic curriculum as per recommendation of national Education policy 2020.
- xv. NCH has envisioned raising competencies and skills of teaching faculties in alignment with modern understanding with a regular update vis-à-vis technological advancement.
- xvi. NCISM made MoU with Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) to provide research grant for UG and PG students under SPARK scheme.
- xvii. CCRAS, New Delhi an autonomous organization, has taken following steps for promoting AYUSH Education in the country –

**(a) For Post Graduate students –**

- Ayush Ph.D. Fellowship programme
- CCRAS Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme (PDF)
- Scheme for Training in Ayurveda Research for PG Scholars (PG-STAR)

**(b) For Under Graduate Students –**

- Studentship Programme for Ayurveda Research Ken (SPARK)

**(c) For Candidates with Intermediate/ Senior School Certificate Examination (Class XII) (12 years of Schooling) –**

- Panchakarma Technician Course (PTC)