

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2193
FOR 15.12.2023**

REGULATORY BODY FOR YOGA AND NATUROPATHY

2193. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up any regulatory body/entity for schools and institutes imparting education in the field of Yoga and Naturopathy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including tribal dominated areas;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the future plan of the Government; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to develop and promote Yoga and Naturopathy in rural and tribal areas in the country including Rajasthan?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AYUSH

(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (c): A proposal to bring a central legislation for regulation of Yoga and Naturopathy in the country is under consideration of the Ministry.

(d): Ministry of Ayush, at present, does not have a proposal for a specific scheme for the development and promotion of Yoga & Naturopathy in rural and tribal areas in the country including Rajasthan.

However, Ministry of Ayush promotes Yoga in the country through its three autonomous bodies namely Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), New Delhi, Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), New Delhi and National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN), Pune. MDNIY provides various courses for Yoga Education. CCRYN is the apex body for research and development in the Yoga and Naturopathy systems. NIN, a premier institute for Naturopathy, organizes various activities related to Naturopathy and Yoga. The activities and programs of MDNIY, CCRYN and NIN are available on the websites i.e. yogamdniy.nic.in, www.ccryn.gov.in and ninpune.ayush.gov.in respectively.

Also, National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN), Pune with the help of Tribal Development Department, Government of Maharashtra has setup a full-fledged Yoga and Naturopathy Hospital to cater the needs of Tribal people, located near Ashram School at Gohe Budruk, Ambegaon, Pune.

In addition, the Ministry is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for development & promotion of different Ayush systems in the country including Yoga and providing financial assistance to them as per the proposals received in their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). State/UT Governments may avail financial assistance by submitting proposals through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per the NAM guidelines. Under National Ayush Mission (NAM), Ministry of Ayush is implementing the operationalization of 12,500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) through State/UT Governments. At these Ayush HWCs, Yoga is being taught to the public including rural and tribal people for general health promotion as community-based intervention by qualified Yoga Instructors.
