

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
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Action on Shortage of AYUSH Doctors

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of AYUSH doctors in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of various posts including doctors/specialists lying vacant at present in AYUSH hospitals/dispensaries/wellness centres in the country particularly in metro cities, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to fill up the said posts; and
- (d) the other measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the shortage of doctors and other staff to meet the requirements in the country?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) As Public Health is a State subject, the number of posts including that of doctors/specialists lying vacant at present in AYUSH hospitals/dispensaries/wellness centres in the country particularly in metro cities is maintained by the State/UT Governments. Further, the primary responsibility to fill up the posts of doctors/specialists also comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments. However, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM), the components for setting up of upto 50/30/10 bedded integrated Ayush Hospitals, upgradation of exclusive standalone Ayush Hospitals inter-alia are having provision for contractual deployment of AYUSH Doctors. In this regard, State/UT Governments are required to submit their proposals through State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per the guidelines of the scheme.