

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1
ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2024**

Siddha Wellness Centres

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to increase Siddha dispensaries/wellness centres across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of dispensaries of Siddha, which is one of the oldest systems of treatment in the country, are functional especially in New Delhi;
- (d) the number of Siddha doctors deployed in these dispensaries along with the number of posts of such doctors lying vacant during the last two years and the current year;
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to fill up the vacant posts of Siddha doctors; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) & (b) As Public Health is a State subject, establishment/increasing of Siddha Dispensaries/Wellness Centres across the country comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM), there is a provision of financial assistance to States/UTs for operationalization of Ayush Health & Wellness Centres (AHWCs) including Siddha system of medicine by upgrading existing Ayush Dispensaries and Health Sub-centres. As per the proposals received from the State/UT Governments through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs), the status of approved Siddha AHWCs under NAM is furnished at **Annexure**.

(c) to (f) Total number of 913 Siddha Dispensaries including 3 Siddha Dispensaries in Delhi are functional in the country as on 01.04.2022 as reported by the State/UT Governments & Concerned Agencies.

As Public Health is a State subject, filling up of posts/deployment of doctors in the dispensaries/wellness centres falls under the jurisdiction of the respective State/UT Governments. Further, as per the Recruitment Rules notified by the Ministry of Ayush vide Gazette Notification dated 06.06.2018, the total number of posts for Siddha Doctors in the Ministry of Ayush i.e. Medical Officer/ Senior Medical Officer/Chief Medical Officer/Chief Medical Officer (Non-Functional Selection Grade) and Chief Medical Officer (Senior Administrative Grade) are 05 and at present 01 post is lying vacant.

Approved Siddha Health and Wellness Centres (AHWCs) under NAM

S. No.	Name of States/UTs	No. of Siddha AHWCs
1	Kerala	2
2	Puducherry	1
3	Tamil Nadu	593
Total		596