

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,  
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY  
(AYUSH)**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4221  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

**SCHEME FOR VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION OF YOGA PROFESSIONALS**

**4221. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:**

Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced a scheme for voluntary certification of Yoga professionals and accreditation of Yoga institutions with an aim to certify the competencies of Yoga professionals and institutions against the standards recognised for the same;
- (b) if so, the status of implementation of the said scheme;
- (c) whether the Government has set up Yoga Certification Board, an autonomous body under Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) to oversee this scheme;
- (d) if so, the details of terms and reference of this board and steps taken thereon till date; and
- (e) the salient features of such Yoga certification programme and the manner in which the programme would offer basic and specialised certification to professionals and the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,  
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY  
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) to (b): Yes. The Ministry of AYUSH announced the scheme for voluntary certification of Yoga professionals and accreditation / approval of Yoga Institutions in **June 2015**. **Initially this activity was** under the management of Quality Council of India (QCI). However, in March, 2018 the Government set up Yoga Certification Board (YCB) and the work was handed over to the YCB with a view to improve the effectiveness of this activity.

(c) to (d): YCB works under the aegis of Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), New Delhi.

The terms and reference of the Board as reflected in its 'Aims and Objectives' and 'Vision and Mission' are attached at **Annexure-I**. YCB has taken the following steps till date for certification of Yoga Professionals and accreditation of Yoga Institutions:

- The YCB has constituted 4 committees, namely, Steering Committed, Technical Committee, Standing Committee and Standing Finance Committee for the management of its activities.
- The YCB has established a secretariat headed by Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the management and execution of its programs / activities.
- Number of Yoga Professionals certified – 8955
- Number of Leading Yoga Institutes accredited – 9
- Number of Personnel Certification Bodies approved – 4

(e): The salient features include the norms for giving certification to Yoga professionals and recognition to Yoga schools, and have been formulated by the YCB after due study and consultations. The unique features of such Yoga certification programme of YCB are given at **Annexure-II**. The certification is given in the three categories, namely, Yoga Protocol Instructor, Yoga Wellness Instructor, and Yoga Teacher & Evaluator. The accreditation is given in three categories i.e. Leading Yoga Institution, Yoga Institution and Yoga Training Centre.

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TERMS AND REFERENCES

AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF YCB

Aim: The aim of YCB is to bring quality and standards in practice of Yoga and to promote Yoga as career skill.

Objectives: The objectives of the Board are as follows:

- To promote Yoga as means to promote holistic health and human values.
- To promote Yoga as career skill.
- To develop standards & parameters, assess competencies and to certify Yoga Professionals for various levels.
- To develop standards & parameters, assess competencies and Accreditation of Yoga Institutions/ Centres.
- To certify Yoga Professionals based on their competence.
- To accredit Yoga Institutions/Centres based on their contribution in the field of Yoga.
- To bring uniformity in Yoga courses conducted across India and Globe.
- To motivate Yoga Professionals to attain higher levels of skills and competencies.
- To create demand for certified Yoga Professionals and Yoga Institutions.
- To collaborate with national and international organisations for promotion of Yoga.

VISION AND MISSION OF YCB

Vision: The Vision of YCB is to enable people across the globe to lead a healthy life style and to make Yoga a way of holistic living by ensuring access to quality Yoga trainers.

Mission: To define standards for Yoga training for Yoga institutions and Yoga professionals and assist them in achieving the same while imparting Yoga education to society.

UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY YCB

- Certificate includes security features (QR Code) unique no. (online verifiable)
- Digital certificates to candidates
- Centralised repository of certifies Yoga professionals
- Online platform for all payments/fee
- One-time enrolment with lifelong validity under each category
- Centralised platform with linkages and details of all assessing agencies, all PrCBs, accredited Yoga institutions/centres, examination schedule etc.
- Ease of selection of exam centres and date of exam
- 3-tier security enabled examination process to ensure quality in conducting of exam.
- Video recording of examination process.
- Assessment through empanelled examiners.
- Intimation to applicants through Mail and SMS.