

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 995  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019**

**EXPANSION OF AYUSH SYSTEM**

**995. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is not being able to achieve the desired results in increasing the use of AYUSH system of medicine in urban, semi-urban and rural areas;
- (b) whether this is due to inadequate number of doctors and para-medical personnel and lack of funds for AYUSH system of medicine;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of steps likely to be taken/proposed by the Government to control such shortcomings?

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

(a) to (d) Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide health care services lies with the respective State/UT Governments. However, Government of India through the Centrally Sponsored scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) has succeeded in increasing the use of AYUSH system of medicines in the country including urban, semi urban and rural areas through the following activities:

- (i) Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centers (PHCs), Community Health Centers (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs).
- (ii) Up gradation of exclusive State Government AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries.
- (iii) Setting up of up to 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospital.
- (iv) Upgradation of State Government Educational Institutions.
- (v) Setting up of new State Government AYUSH Educational Institutions including Yoga and Naturopathy in the State where it is not available.

(vi) Strengthening of State Government/ Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU&H) Pharmacies and Drug Testing Laboratories (DTL).

(vii) Cultivation and Promotion of Medicinal Plants.

With these measures the Ministry has been able to expand its visibility and impact of AYUSH in the country significantly. There are 799879 AYUSH registered practitioners throughout the country as on 01.04.2018 who contribute to AYUSH health care services in the country including urban, semi-urban and rural areas. However, the data on para-medic staff for AYUSH systems of medicine is not maintained by the Central Government.

With regard to funds allocation for promotion of AYUSH, budgetary allocation of Rs. 1939.76 Crores has been made to Ministry of AYUSH for various activities for the year 2019-20.

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