

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4501  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2020**

**EDUCATION AND RESEARCH UNDER AYUSH**

**4501. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:**

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

- (a) whether AYUSH, the governmental body that is purposed with developing, education and research in the field of alternative medicine, is substantially funded by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the scheme-wise plan, outlay and expenditure under department of AYUSH for the year 2019-20;
- (d) whether the Government has made recommendations under 15th Finance Commission for considerable grants to AYUSH departments in the country, State/UT-wise and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the performance of Kerala in implementing the various schemes under AYUSH?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): No.

(b): The comparison of projected requirement and allocated funds for this Ministry for the last four years are as under:-

Year	Projected Demand	Allocated Demand	% of allocation w.r.t. projection
2016-17	2111.52	1326.20	62.80
2017-18	2478.78	1428.65	57.64
2018-19	2796.93	1626.37	58.73
2019-20	4469.59	1939.76	43.40

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(c): The scheme-wise Plan, Outlay and expenditure for year 2019-20 is at **Annexure-A**.

(d): Yes. The recommendation made under 15th Finance Commission for the grant of additional fund is at **Annexure-B**.

(e): For the promotion and development of AYUSH System the Ministry of AYUSH is implementing through its flagship Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely National AYUSH Mission. As per the proposal received from the Government of Kerala, an amount of Rs. 7113.72 lakh has been released for different activities of National AYUSH Mission. Further, as per expenditure reported by the State Government of Kerala, an amount of Rs. 5227.138 lakhs has been utilized till date.

Annexure-A

**Scheme-wise Plan, Outlay and Expenditure Statement for the year 2019-20**

(Rs. In  
Crore)

Sl. No	Schemes/ Programmes	BE 2019-20	RE 2019-20	Expdt. as on 18.03.20
1	2	3	4	5
	<b>CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEMES</b>			
<b>A</b>	<b>Establishment of Expenditure of the Centre</b>	<b>110.04</b>	<b>104.21</b>	<b>97.62</b>
1	Secretariat - Ministry of AYUSH	40.29	35.91	33.14
2	National Medicinal Plant Board	59.50	59.50	57.62
3	Pharmacopoeial Laboratory of Indian Medicine, Ghaziabad	4.75	4.00	2.74
4	Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad	5.50	4.80	4.12
<b>B</b>	<b>Statutory Institutions</b>	<b>8.90</b>	<b>9.40</b>	<b>8.55</b>
1	Grant to Central Council of Indian Medicine, New Delhi	5.50	5.75	5.50
2	Grant to Central Council of Homoeopathy, New Delhi	3.40	3.65	3.05
<b>C</b>	<b>Autonomous Bodies</b>	<b>1022.49</b>	<b>1153.35</b>	<b>965.49</b>
1	Grant to Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences	292.31	288.50	272.71
2	Grant to Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine	152.65	159.54	155.04
3	Grant to Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy	118.53	128.83	120.83
4	All India Institute of Ayurveda(AIIA), New Delhi	40.00	79.30	46.23
5	Grant to National Institute of Homoeopathy, Kolkata	50.00	87.61	46.55
<b>D</b>	<b>Others ABs</b>	<b>369.00</b>	<b>409.57</b>	<b>324.13</b>
1	Pharmacopoeia Committees of ASU and strenghtening of Pharmacopoeia Commision of Indian Medicine (PCIM)	4.48	4.40	2.96
2	Grant for Instt. Post Grad. Teaching & Research, Jamnagar	35.00	36.50	35.00
3	Grant to National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur	93.50	122.00	93.48
4	Grant to Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth	8.50	9.00	6.60
5	Grant to National Institute of Siddha, Chennai	38.00	51.81	38.56
6	Grant to National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore	40.00	45.72	40.00
7	Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga	18.00	16.38	16.38
8	Grant to National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune	26.00	11.55	11.55
9	North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Homoeopathy, Shillong	18.02	12.99	7.51
10	North Eastern Institute of AYUSH/Folk Medicine, Passighat	8.50	2.57	0.92
11	Grant to Central Council for Research in Yoga &	41.35	62.45	39.72

	Naturopathy			
12	National Research Institute of Sowa Rigpa	1.00	1.20	1.20
13	National Institute of Medicinal Plants	0.15	0.00	0.00
14	Grant for Central Councils for Research in Siddha	36.50	33.00	30.25
<b>B</b>	<b>Strengthening of AYUSH Delivery System</b>	<b>142.33</b>	<b>89.44</b>	<b>77.11</b>
1	Public Sector Undertaking (IMPCL, Mohan, UP)	0.01	0.00	0.00
2	Information, Education and Communication	52.60	44.50	42.46
3	AYUSH and Public Health	5.00	4.95	3.54
4	Assistance to accredited AYUSH Centres of Excellence in non-governmental/ private sector engaged in AYUSH education/drug development & research/clinical research/folk medicine etc.	5.00	5.00	3.53
5	Extra Mural Research Projects through Research Institutes etc.	6.00	6.00	4.81
6	Re-orientation Training Programme of AYUSH Personnel/ Continuing Medical Education (ROTP/CME)	3.50	3.50	3.13
7	Promotion of International Cooperation	16.00	22.37	17.47
8	Development of common facilities for AYUSH industry clusters	1.00	0.33	0.33
9	Pharmacovigilance initiative for ASU drugs	1.80	2.68	1.75
10	Central Drug Controller for AYUSH	1.41	0.11	0.09
11	Champion Sector Scheme	50.01	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total : CS</b>	<b>1283.76</b>	<b>1356.40</b>	<b>1148.77</b>
	<b>CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES</b>			
<b>1</b>	National AYUSH Mission	656.00	500.60	404.41
	<b>Total : CSS</b>	<b>656.00</b>	<b>500.60</b>	<b>404.41</b>
	<b>Grand Total :</b>	<b>1939.76</b>	<b>1857.00</b>	<b>1553.18</b>

## Recommendations of Ministry of AYUSH under 15 th Finance Commission

Inadequate Budget availability to States/UTs

AYUSH Ministry's budgetary allocation is quite meager and is roughly 3-4% of total budget allocation of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The budgetary allocations of States and UTs are also in the same range. State AYUSH Departments do not receive any financial support from sources like Finance Commissions Awards, external funding and thus lack of adequate budgetary provisions comes in the way of speedy and timely execution of schemes aimed at infrastructure development, improving public healthcare delivery services, Research activities and strengthening of Regulatory institutional frameworks. States and UTs have not been able to productively utilize the Central grants due to non-availability of matching States share required under Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The administrative set ups in States and UTs in AYUSH Departments are grossly inadequate and there is heavy shortage of trained manpower. There are instances where infrastructure created through central aid remains partially or completely unutilized due to non-positioning of manpower. Positions in health facilities and related institutions remain vacant due to non-availability of financial resources with States to pay their salaries.

It is in this backdrop that Ministry has proposed before the Fifteenth Finance Commission that there is a strong need to earmark exclusive funds for State AYUSH Departments to take up activities aimed at promotion of AYUSH healthcare system especially comprehensive primary healthcare / related activities so that potential of AYUSH systems is harnessed for the benefit and welfare of the people of this country.

Meeting the targets through enhanced allocation of budget:

The budget allocation to AYUSH Sector is roughly around 3-4% of entire health sector which is grossly insignificant considering the role these medical systems are required to play in primary health care focusing on holistic wellness model based principles of prevention and promotion. Enhanced investment in this sector will yield reduced disease burden and resultant reduction in the over-crowding of tertiary health care facilities. This will in turn reduce the out of pocket expenditure and financial burden on the population in developing country like India.

Given the Center's own limitations in increasing resource transfers to states through Centrally Sponsored Schemes, mobilizing the additional resources would require adoption of a comprehensive approach including Finance Commission awards rather than making incremental increase to the annual plans year after every year.

In this regard, Ministry of AYUSH submitted its Approach Paper to Finance Commission through nodal Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Ministry projected its demand for allocation of minimum 10% of grant earmarked for Health Sector.