

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2156
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2020**

PREFERENCE FOR AYUSH

2156. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people are displaying a tendency to avoid allopathic treatment and are instead availing/preferring alternative modes of treatment/medication;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is encouraging the use of AYUSH mode of treatment/medication across the country including Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the cities where such facilities are provided by the Government?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

(a) & (b): There has been an increasing trend in the number of people availing medicinal facilities under AYUSH. The number of patients who visited Government Health Care Facilities under AYUSH during 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 are given below as per the table:-

Year	IPD	OPD
2015-16	1156695	159459379
2016-17	1685773	172700313
2017-18	1957921	177375226

Source: AYUSH In INDIA 2016, 2017 and 2018

(c) & (d): Government of India is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) in the country through State and UT Governments including Maharashtra for promotion and development of AYUSH system. State and UT Governments including Maharashtra may avail eligible financial assistance by projecting the same through State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per NAM guidelines.

The Mission inter-alia makes provision for (i) Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centers (PHCs), Community Health Centers (CHCs) and Districts Hospitals (DHs); (ii) Upgradation of exclusive State Government AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries; (iii) Supply of essential drugs to AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries; (iv) Setting up of upto 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospital; (v) Upgradation of State Government Under-Graduate and post-Graduate Educational Institutions; (vi) Setting up of new AYUSH Educational Institutions in the States where it is not available in Government Sector; (vii) Strengthening of State Government/State Government Co-operatives/Public Sector Undertakings Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU&H) Pharmacies; (viii) Strengthening of State Drug Testing Laboratories for ASU &H Drugs; (ix) Support for cultivation of medicinal plants including processing and post-harvest management.

Since, public health is a State subject; the data on details of such facilities provided in cities is not maintained by Central Government.

National Institute of Naturopathy, an autonomous National Institute of the Ministry of AYUSH has been providing Yoga & Naturopathy treatment facility at Pune, Maharashtra.