

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2226
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2020**

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR AYUSH

2226. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has allocated funds for Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (Ayush) to Kerala during the last three years.
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has sanctioned additional funds for the infrastructure development of Kurichi Homeopathic Hospital at Changanassary, Kerala;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has allocated funds under AYUSH for research studies to aid/facilitate preventive medicine against Covid-19; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(a) & (b): Yes, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM), the Ministry of AYUSH has allocated/released funds to the state of Kerala during the last three years as under:-

Year	Funds allocated/released
2017-18	2096.234 lakhs
2018-19	2597.838 lakhs
2019-20	1540.535 lakhs

(c) & (d): Under NAM, Rs.75.00 Lakhs has been sanctioned to Kurichi Homoeopathic Hospital at Changanassary, Kerala during 2018-19 for undertaking construction, renovation of existing premises; furniture fixtures, equipments, etc.

(e) & (f): The Government has not allocated any separate funds for research studies to aid/facilitate preventive medicine against Covid-19. However, with respect to COVID-19 pandemic, Ministry of AYUSH and Department of Bio-Technology (DBT) have signed a joint project to evaluate anti-viral and immuno-modulatory activity of AYUSH herbs and formulations. The total project cost of Rs. 592.56 lakhs is approved, out of which National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) and DBT will contribute 50% each.