

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2015
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH February, 2021**

OBJECTIVES OF NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH MISSION

2015. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the objective of National Rural Health Mission is to revive indigenous traditional system of medicine and AYUSH along with strengthening the public health system at all levels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action plan adopted to revive the indigenous traditional system of medicine?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND
SPORTS AND ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

(a) & (b): Mainstreaming of AYUSH & Revitalising local health traditions into public health system is one of the objective as envisaged in Framework for Implementation for National Rural Health Mission(NRHM). The Mainstreaming of AYUSH is one of the core strategies in National Rural Health Mission which seeks to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care to the rural population. Under National Health Mission (NHM)/ National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), engagement of Ayurveda Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) doctors/ paramedics is being supported, provided they are co-located with existing District Hospitals (DHs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) with priority given to remote PHCs and CHCs. Support for AYUSH medicines is also being provided at the AYUSH collocated health facilities. Information Education Communication (IEC)/ Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) activities for AYUSH are also being supported under NHM/NRHM.

NHM/NRHM also supports Skilled Birth Attendant (SBA), Intra Uterine Contraceptive Device (IUCD) & Post Partum Intra Uterine Contraceptive Device (PPIUCD) trainings of AYUSH doctors to address the shortage of skilled health care personnel in the rural areas. AYUSH doctors are also being engaged under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK).

As per Management Information System (MIS) report (as on June, 2020), 27495 AYUSH doctors and 4626 are paramedics engaged under NHM. Further 15422 co-located Health facilities are supported under NHM.

(c): Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM), the Government of India provides financial assistance to State/UT Governments for Co-location of AYUSH facilities at PHCs, CHCs and District Hospitals, Upgradation of existing Government AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries, Setting up of new upto 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospitals, Supply of essential drugs to AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries, Public Health Outreach activity and School Health Programme. Through all these activities, it is envisaged to revive the indigenous traditional system of medicine.