

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2836
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH March, 2021**

EXPANSION OF AYUSH

2836. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

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

(a) whether the Government has not achieved the objective of extending its jurisdiction of the AYUSH to the urban, semi-urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is attributable to the inadequate number of doctors and para-medical personnels including paucity of funds in the AYUSH system of treatment; and

(d) if so, the details of steps proposed to be taken by the Government to overcome such shortcomings and bottlenecks?

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) 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 enhancing the use of AYUSH system of medicines in the country including urban, semi urban and rural areas through 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 565570 AYUSH registered practitioners throughout the country as on 28-01-2021 who contribute to AYUSH health care services in the country including urban, semi-urban and rural areas. However, the data on para-medical 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. 2322.08 Crores has been made to Ministry of AYUSH for various activities for the year 2020-21.