

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4055
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH March, 2021**

BRIDGE COURSE FOR AYUSH DOCTORS

4055. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

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

(a) the extent to which the step to allow AYUSH doctors to prescribe allopathic medicines is likely to help in addressing the issue of shortage of doctors; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for AYUSH doctors to take one year bridge course in the institutes from where they have acquired their degree for prescribing allopathic medicines and if so, the details thereof?

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 RIJIJU)**

(a) & (b): Public Health and Hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility of strengthening public healthcare system lies with the respective State/ UT Government. However, under National Health Mission (NHM) scheme being implemented by MOH&FW, technical and financial support is provided to States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare systems on the basis of proposals received from States/ UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). Under NHM, mainstreaming of AYUSH has been taken up by allocating AYUSH services in 7,785 Primary Health Centre(PHCs), 2,748 Community Health Centre (CHCs), 496 District Hospital (DHs), 4,022 health facilities above Sub Centre (SC) but below block level and 371 health facilities other than CHC at or above block level but below district level. Wherever mainstreaming has been implemented, the AYUSH practitioners are not authorized to prescribe allopathic medicines.

There is no such proposal to make it mandatory for AYUSH doctors to take one year bridge course for prescribing allopathic medicines.