

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3182
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06TH AUGUST, 2021**

AYURVEDIC DOCTORS

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Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ancient system of ayurveda medicine has great benefits in curing COVID-19 disease, if so, the details thereof along with the recommendations made to COVID-19 patients under this system;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that there are many ayurveda doctors, traditional hereditary family persons, whose forefathers were into ayurveda practice had come out with medicines claimed to be successful in containing virus in patients;
- (c) if so, the details of such doctors/persons and their medicines, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the number of Ayurveda doctors involved in the treatment of COVID-19 patients across the country, State/ UT-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government had considered them as frontline workers and given priority in vaccination, if so, details of vaccine administered on ayurveda doctors in the country, especially in the State of Telangana?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

- (a): i. Ministry of Ayush recommended self-care guidelines for preventive health measures and boosting immunity.
- ii. Government of India has released “**National Clinical Management Protocol based on Ayurveda and Yoga for management of COVID-19**”.
- iii. Ministry of Ayush has also released Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha preventive measures for self-care during COVID-19 and Guidelines for **AYUSH** Practitioners for COVID-19 Patients in Home Isolation.
- iv. Ministry of Ayush has also issued advisory for **AYUSH** practitioners on ethical practices during COVID-19 pandemic.
- v. Ministry of **AYUSH** has released Home care guidelines for children and Advisory for **AYUSH** Practitioners about prophylactic care in Children during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

vi. AYUSH-64 and Kabasur Kudineer has been identified for COVID-19 treatment. The research outcomes of the clinical trials has demonstrated efficacy of AYUSH-64 in the treatment of asymptomatic & mild cases as standalone and for the management of mild and moderate COVID-19 as an adjunct to standard care. It was observed that AYUSH-64 as adjunct treatment to Standard Care resulted in significant improvement in clinical recovery. AYUSH-64 is also recommended in “National Clinical Management Protocol (NCMP) based on Ayurveda and Yoga for management of COVID-19”. Further, Kabasur Kudineer, a Siddha preparation was also subjected to clinical trials for studying the efficacy in COVID-19 patients by the Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) under the Ministry of Ayush and is also found useful in the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 infection.

vii. In order to provide maximum benefit of AYUSH systems of medicine, a nationwide campaign has been undertaken for distribution of AYUSH-64 and Kabasura Kudineer through the Research Councils and the National Institutes under the Ministry of Ayush across the country.

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Ayush has set up an online channel on its website for receiving suggestions based on scientific explanations and proposals on therapies and procedures prepared based on standard scientific guidelines that could restrain the spread of the COVID -19 pandemic, or to manage the disease. The Ministry has accordingly invited inputs from AYUSH practitioners and AYUSH institutions. The inputs received were scrutinized by a Committee of Experts. These proposals recommended by the Scrutiny Committee were taken up for further studies.

Further, Ministry of AYUSH has constituted an Interdisciplinary Technical Review Committee (ITRC) for COVID-19 for the examination of the applications/claims on patent & proprietary (P&P) ASU&H medicines/ classical ASU& H medicines with new indication or re-purposing of licensed P&P, ASU&H medicines for COVID-19, forwarded by the State Licensing Authorities/Individuals referred by the Drug Policy Section of Ministry of Ayush.

(d) & (e): As informed by State/UTs including State of Telangana, Ayurvedic doctors are considered as frontline workers. Details are at **Annexure**.

Annexure

State/UT-wise details of Ayurvedic doctors considered as frontline workers and priority given for vaccination .

S. No.	Name of The State/ UT	State/ UT-wise number of Ayurveda doctors involved in the treatment of COVID-19 patients across the country	State/UT wise information regarding Ayurvedic doctors as frontline workers, given priority in vaccination.
1.	UT of Jammu and Kashmir	513 AYUSH doctors are working under the purview of Directorate of ISM (Ayush) involved in treatment etc. of COVID-19 patients in close liaison with Allopathic Counterparts throughout the UT of J&K.	AYUSH Doctors working under the purview of Directorate of ISM (Ayush) in the UT of J&K are considered Frontline workers and have been administered COVID vaccination as per the priority.
2.	Punjab	374 Regular Ayurveda Medical Officer and 134 NHM Ayurveda Medical Officer have been involved in various COVID-19 duties of sampling, Flu corners, Screening duties at Hospitals and vaccination camp duties.	State Government has considered them as frontline workers and all have been vaccinated by the State Health Department
3.	UT of Chandigarh	Ayurvedic Medical Officer – 06 Senior Ayurvedic Physician-03 Joint Director Ayurveda -01	As per the protocol of Govt. Of India, Min. of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi as well as Min. of AYUSH, New Delhi
4.	Haryana	472 Ayurveda Doctors	Ayurvedic doctors are considered as frontline workers during COVID-19 and priority in vaccination is given to all frontline workers.
5.	Manipur	6 nos. of Ayurvedic doctors in Manipur	-
6.	Mizoram	12 Ayurveda doctors are involved in the treatment of COVID-19 patients in the state of Mizoram.	Ayurveda doctors are considered as frontline workers in the state of Mizoram. All have received full dose of vaccine.
7.	Meghalaya	The State has 41 Ayurvedic units and all of them are involved in the management of COVID-19 crises.	The Government has considered them as frontline workers and priority for vaccination was given equally like all frontline workers in the state.
8.	Odisha	225 nos. of Ayurveda doctors are deployed for COVID-19 duty in Odisha.	The Govt. had considered them as frontline workers and given priority in vaccination.
9.	Andhra Pradesh	256 Medical Officers (Ayurveda) involved in COVID care duties under the supervision of local DM & HO and Dist. Collectors.	The Government has considered the Medical Officers (Ayurveda) involved in COVID Care duties as frontline workers and given priority in vaccination.
10.	Goa	Total 126 Ayurveda Doctors involved in COVID related duties.	116 Ayurvedic Doctors are administered first dose and 21 Ayurvedic Doctors administered second dose of vaccination.
11.	UT of Lakshadweep	13 Ayurveda doctors	Yes. All Ayurveda doctors vaccinated as frontline workers.
12.	Kerala	Approximately 1900 doctors from Govt. public section & all registered medical practitioners in private sector in Kerala.	Yes. All doctors in govt. sector got vaccinated with priority (1900 numbers)
13.	Tamil Nadu	One Twenty Four (124) doctors of this department are involved in the treatment of COVID -19 patients.	Yes, The Govt. of Tamilnadu considered all medical personnel as front line workers. Through district administration, priority was given in vaccination drive.
14.	UT of Puducherry	34 doctors in Ayurveda	-
15.	UT of Andaman And Nicobar Islands	27 Ayurvedic Doctors working under the Health department of UT Admn. have been involved in various duties during COVID-19 pandemic	The UT Administration has considered the Ayurvedic doctors as frontline workers. All the 27 Ayurveda Doctors under the Health Department of UT Administration have been vaccinated against COVID-19
16.	Telangana	223 Ayurveda doctors	Government of Telangana has considered Ayurveda Doctors as frontline workers and gave vaccination