

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1764
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2022**

AYUSH DOCTORS

1764. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

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

- (a) the number of AYUSH doctors practicing Homeopathy, Unani, Siddha and Naturopathy in the country, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up any Naturopathy hospital in Gujarat; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to bring AYUSH healthcare services into mainstream?

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

- (a) The number of Unani, Siddha, Naturopathy and Homeopathy Registered Practitioners (Doctors) in the country, State/UT-wise including Gujarat is furnished at **Annexure – I**.
- (b) Public Health being a State subject, setting up of Naturopathy hospital comes under the purview of the respective State/UT Government. However, the Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for promotion and development of Ayush systems of Medicine and to bring Ayush healthcare services into mainstream. Under the NAM, there is a provision of financial assistance for setting up of 50/30/10 bedded Integrated Ayush hospital including Naturopathy. State/UT Governments may avail the eligible financial assistance by submitting the suitable proposal through State Annual Action Plans as per the NAM Guidelines.
- (c) The steps taken by the Government to bring Ayush healthcare services into main stream are as follows: -

Ministry of Ayush signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Railways for Introduction of Ayush Systems in five Railway Hospitals. Accordingly, Ayush units have been started in Railway Zonal Hospitals at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Guwahati. Also, a MoU has been signed with Ministry of Defense for integration of Ayurveda under their health establishments. Accordingly, Ayurveda OPDs have been established at Palliative Care Centre, Base Hospital, Delhi Cantt, Air Force Hospital Hindon and 05 identified Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) polyclinics in Delhi-NCR.

Apart from above, National Health policy, 2017 which lays down guidelines for the entire health sector (including Ayush Systems) inter-alia focus on Integrating Ayush system with Modern medicine. Due emphasis has been given for continuing mainstreaming of Ayush with General Health. The policy further supports the integration of Ayush systems at the level of knowledge systems, by validating processes of health care promotion and cure. Government of India has adopted a strategy of Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs), thus enabling choice to the patients for different systems of medicine. The engagement of Ayush Doctors/ paramedics and their training is supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, while the support for Ayush infrastructure, equipment/furniture and medicines are provided by Ministry of Ayush under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM).

Further, Government of India has made a comprehensive decision for operationalization of Health and Wellness Centres by the Ministry of Ayush through State/UT Governments. Union Cabinet on 20.03.2020 has approved the proposal to operationalize 12,500 Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) through National Ayush Mission under Ayushman Bharat in a phased manner from year 2019-20 to 2023-24.

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Annexure – I

State wise Unani, Siddha, Naturopathy and Homeopathy Registered Practitioners (Doctors) as on 01.01.2020

S.No	States/UTs	Unani	Siddha	Naturopathy	Homeopathy
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	482	0	178	2260
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3	0	0	311
3	Assam	0	0	0	1643
4	Bihar	5183	0	0	33337
5	Chhattisgarh	181	0	244	2135
6	Delhi	1519	0	0	5207
7	Goa	0	0	0	771
8	Gujarat	338	0	0	22712
9	Haryana	216	0	0	1827
10	Himachal Pradesh	4	0	0	1364
11	Jammu & Kashmir	1580	0	68	461
12	Jharkhand	58	0	0	489
13	Karnataka	2223	11	1770	10063
14	Kerala	150	2337	272	1099
15	Madhya Pradesh	1920	0	37	19607
16	Maharashtra	7249	0	0	72828
17	Manipur	0	0	0	0
18	Meghalaya	0	0	0	407
19	Mizoram	0	0	0	0
20	Nagaland	0	0	0	163
21	Odisha	28	0	0	10046
22	Punjab	172	0	0	3934
23	Rajasthan	1121	0	98	8530
24	Sikkim	0	0	0	0
25	Tamil Nadu	528	6322	1073	6435
26	Telangana	5113	0	357	5318
27	Tripura	0	0	0	612
28	Uttar Pradesh	14717	0	0	35200
29	Uttarakhand	169	0	0	875
30	West Bengal	5294	0	0	38622
31	A&N Islands	0	0	0	0
32	Chandigarh	0	0	0	174

S.No	States/Uts	Unani	Siddha	Naturopathy	Homeopathy
1	2	3	4	5	6
33	D&N Haveli & Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0
34	Ladakh	0	0	0	0
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
36	Puducherry	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	48248	8670	4097	286430

Source: “AYUSH IN INDIA-2020” (Annual Statistical Publication of the Ministry of Ayush)