

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1770
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th FEBRUARY, 2022**

SERVICES OF AYUSH DOCTORS

1770. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to utilise the services of AYUSH doctors in addressing the shortage of allopathic doctors in the country to effectively manage the third wave of COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is intending to promote use of ayurvedic and other non-allopathic medicines for management of COVID-19 and post COVID health complications; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) During the wake of Covid-19 / Omicron, Ministry of Ayush has taken following initiative to utilise the services of AYUSH doctors and to promote use of ayurvedic and other non-allopathic medicines for management of COVID-19 and post COVID health complications :-

- (i) In order to strengthen the medical manpower, Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) have jointly provided training to 33,000 Ayush master trainers. Total 66045 Ayush Personnel had obtained training at igot.in platform on continual basis. Ministry of Ayush has coordinated with MoHFW for utilisation of Ayush manpower as COVID warrior for the management of COVID-19 with identified roles.
- (ii) For continuing with the efforts to augment human resources for the management of COVID-19 cases, the Ministry of Ayush has issued advisory to the State Governments and erstwhile Central Council of Indian Medicine and erstwhile Central Council of Homoeopathy to

- deploy the available trained Ayush human resources for clinical management of COVID-19 cases.
- (iii) Ministry of Ayush has released guidelines for registered practitioners of respective system of Ayush, prepared by Central Research Councils and National Institutes which is further vetted by the Interdisciplinary Ayush Research and Development Task Force of Ministry of Ayush. These guidelines are available in public domain for the benefit of registered Ayush practitioners to help in the management of COVID 19 pandemic uniformly.
 - (iv) Government of India has also released “National Clinical Management Protocol based on Ayurveda and Yoga for management of COVID-19” prepared by National Task force. The protocol includes guidelines for prophylaxis, management of asymptomatic and mild COVID-19 cases and post-COVID management.
 - (v) Ministry of Ayush has 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.
 - (vi) Ministry of Ayush has issued advisory for Ayush practitioners on ethical practices during COVID- 19 pandemic.
 - (vii) 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.
 - (viii) Ministry of Ayush has released information for Ayurveda and Homoeopathy Practitioners for Prophylactic, Symptomatic Management of suspected and diagnosed cases of Mucormycosis.
 - (ix) Ministry of Ayush has also released Ayush recommendations for the public on holistic health and well-being Preventive measures and care during COVID-19 & LONG COVID-19.
 - (x) Ministry of Ayush has issued advisory for meeting the challenge arising out of spread of Corona Virus in India dated 6th March, 2020 through Siddha system.
 - (xi) Ministry of Ayush has issued a notification dated 21st April, 2020 that scientists, researchers, clinicians of any of recognized systems of medicine can undertake research on COVID -19 through Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy systems including prophylactic measures, intervention during the quarantine, asymptomatic and symptomatic cases of COVID -19, public health research, survey, lab based research etc. to generate evidence.

- (xii) Public health advisory using Homoeopathic medicine *Arsenic album 30C* as prophylactic (immune booster) for COVID-19/Omicron was published by the Ministry of Ayush.
