

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5015
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST APRIL, 2022**

AYUSH SECTOR IN KERALA

5015. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to allocate additional funds for enhancing AYUSH sector in Kerala or decided to augment capacity of various existing institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to allocate additional funds for KurichiHomeo medical College in Kerala and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has also decided to allot funds for KurichiHomeo medical College for research in preventive medicine for COVID; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with policy of the Government for developing medicine for COVID in homeopathy?

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

(a) & (b) Government of India is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) to develop and promote AYUSH in the country including Kerala. The Mission *inter-alia* makes the following provisions for the development and promotion of AYUSH:

- (i) AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres under Ayushman Bharat
- (ii) Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals(DHs)
- (iii) Upgradation of existing standalone Government AYUSH Hospitals
- (iv) Upgradation of existing/setting up of new standalone Government/ Panchayat /Government aided AYUSH Dispensaries
- (v) Setting up of up to 50 /30 /10 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospitals
- (vi) Infrastructural development of State Government Under-Graduate and post-Graduate Educational Institutions.
- (vii) Establishment of new AYUSH Colleges in the States where availability of AYUSH teaching institutions is inadequate in the Government Sector.

Under NAM, a grant-in-aid of Rs. 116.25 Crore has been released to State Government of Kerala as per their proposals through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) for different activities.

Further, the Ministry of Ayush has approved for upgradation of 74 AYUSH Hospitals, 39 AYUSH Dispensaries and upgradation of 5 AYUSH Educational Institutions under NAM as per the proposals received from State Government of Kerala through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs).

(c) to (e) No proposal has been received from State Government of Kerala through State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) for Kurichi Homeo medical College in Kerala seeking financial assistance including research in preventive medicine for COVID. Further, the Ministry of Ayush issued advisories on AYUSH interventions including Homoeopathy for prophylaxis and management of Covid-19. Director Generals of Research Councils and Directors of National Institutes with their team of experts have prepared Guidelines for Registered Practitioners of respective systems of AYUSH including Homoeopathy and the same is vetted by the Inter-disciplinary AYUSH Research and Development Taskforce of the Ministry of Ayush. These guidelines are made available in the public domain to benefit registered AYUSH practitioners including Homoeopathy to help in the management of COVID-19 pandemic uniformly. 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.