

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 196  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022**

**AYUSH DOCTORS/PRACTITIONERS**

**\*196. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:**

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of posts of Ayush doctors/practitioners including Homoeopathy and Unani are lying vacant across the country
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a shortage of Ayush drug inspectors in the country and if so, the details thereof, stream and State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to fill these vacancies along with the time by which these vacancies are likely to be filled?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,  
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)**

**(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA  
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**(a) & (b):** As Public Health is a State subject, the primary responsibility to fill up the posts of Ayush doctors/practitioners including Homoeopathy and Unani and maintaining their data comes under the purview of the respective State/UT Governments.

The appointment of Ayush physicians in the Central Government at the level of Medical Officers/ Research Officers is done on the basis of recommendations of the UPSC. The details of the sanctioned strength and vacancy position of Ayush Physicians under the Ministry of Ayush is at **Annexure-I**.

**(c) & (d):** As stated above, Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to fill up the posts of Ayush drug inspectors and maintaining their data comes under the purview of the respective State/UT Governments.

The stream-wise sanctioned strength and vacancy position details of the Drug Inspectors under Ministry of Ayush are at **Annexure-II**. The Union Public Service Commission has advertised 04 vacancies of Drug Inspector (01 in each stream of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy) in the Employment News for inviting applications.

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**Annexure-I**

**Vacancy Position and Sanctioned Strength of Ayush Physicians under Ministry of Ayush**

Sl. No.		Ayush Physicians				Total
		Ayurveda	Homoeopathy	Unani	Siddha	
1.	Sanctioned Strength	121	110	25	05	261
2.	Filled up post	109	72	21	05	207
3.	Vacant posts	12	38	04	00	54
4.	Status as on 26.7.2022	<p>a) Out of 11 Ayurveda candidates recommended by UPSC, 10 have applied for extension for Joining in the Ministry of Ayush while 01 candidate's appointment has been kept on hold until police report and clarifications are received from DOPT.</p> <p>b) 01 post is vacant due to retirement on superannuation.</p>	<p>a) UPSC has recommended 36 Homoeopathy candidates at the level of Medical Officer/Research Officer in the Ministry of Ayush.</p> <p>b) 02 posts are vacant due to retirement on superannuation.</p>	<p>a) 03 candidates recommended by UPSC have applied for extension in Joining in the Ministry of Ayush.</p> <p>b) UPSC has informed that the recruitment action to fill up 01 post has become Infructuous at scrutiny stage.</p>	-	-

**Vacancy Position and Sanctioned Strength of Drug Inspectors under Ministry of Ayush**

Sl. No.	Name of the post	Drug Inspectors				Total
		Ayurveda	Homoeopathy	Unani	Siddha	
1.	Sanctioned post	01	01	01	01	04
2.	Filled up post	00	00	00	00	00
3.	Vacant posts	01	01	01	01	04
4.	Status as on 26.7.2022	Advertisement has been published by UPSC in employment News for inviting applications.				