

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1134
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2022**

SIDDHA SYSTEM OF MEDICINE

1134. SHRI R.K. SINGH PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the Siddha system of medicine is being properly promoted;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to popularise this system of medicine in the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether several posts of Siddha doctors in the country including Uttar Pradesh are lying vacant; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise including the districts of Uttar Pradesh?

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Siddha system of medicine is being properly promoted among the general public. SiddharKaayakalpam, SiddharYogam, external therapies like Varmam, Thokkanam are the strength of Siddha system for prevention, management, and treatment of diseases. The Ministry of Ayush has established **Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and National Institute of Siddha (NIS), Chennai to promote Siddha system of medicine in the Country**. The Ministry of Ayush also operates various Central Sector Schemes and Centrally Sponsored Scheme like National AYUSH Mission (NAM) and Information Education and Communication (IEC).

Under Information Education and Communication (IEC) scheme, the Ministry supports events like National level fairs, State level fairs, seminar, conferences, workshops etc. for propagating Ayush including Siddha system of medicine and treatment. The scheme also provides for propagation through print and news media.

Under the National AYUSH Mission (NAM) scheme following provisions are provided to promote the AYUSH system of medicine including Siddha:-

- (i) AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres
- (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 Government/ Panchayat/Government aided AYUSH Dispensaries/Construction of building for existing AYUSH Dispensary/Construction of building to establish new AYUSH Dispensary
- (v) Setting up of up to 50 /30 /10 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospitals
- (vi) Supply of essential drugs to Government AYUSH Hospitals, Government Dispensaries and Government/Government aided Teaching Institutional AYUSH Hospitals
- (vii) AYUSH Public Health Programmes
- (viii) Behaviour Change Communication (BCC)
- (ix) Mobility support at State and District level
- (x) AYUSH Gram
- (xi) Infrastructural development of AYUSH Under-Graduate Educational Institutions.
- (xii) Infrastructural development of AYUSH Post-Graduate Educational Institutions/ add on PG/Pharmacy/ Para-Medical Courses.

The following activities have been carried out to strengthen / upgrade the existing institutes/units of CCRS and NIS and to popularize the Siddha system of medicine:-

- i. Siddha Medicinal Plants Gardens are maintained in various units of Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and National Institute of Siddha (NIS).
- ii. **Regional Raw Drug Repositories (RRDR's)**, a project under Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants supported by National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) is being carried out at SCRI, Chennai.
- iii. Cancer OPD has also been initiated in Siddha Clinical Research Unit, VardhmanMahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital Campus, New Delhi.
- iv. CCRS has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with premier medical institutions like Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS), Noida, All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi, National Institution of Nutrition – ICMR, Chennai for carrying out collaborative studies. In addition, a MoU has been made with Accelerating Growth of New India Innovation (AGNIi) for the commercialization of R&D technologies and products developed by CCRS.
- v. The guidelines issued by Ministry of Ayush have aided the Siddha practitioners for adopting preventive measures of COVID and in the management of asymptomatic, symptomatic COVID patients. **Government of Tamil Nadu have launched special programme named AAROGYAM with guidelines for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19 through Siddha system of Medicine.**
- vi. **Nationwide Distribution of Kabasura Kudineer:** CCRS and NIS through its peripheral Institutes/units has carried out the project entitled “Documentation of efficacy of selected Ayush Interventions AYUSH-64 and Kabasura Kudineer in asymptomatic, mild to moderate Covid-19 patients in home isolation through Ayush Sanjivani mobile app: A prospective multicenter Community based study”. With the support of SevaBharathi workers mass distribution of

Kabasarakudineerchooranam was carried out in the COVID-19 affected areas. Total sample size covered was 30,000. Kabsurakudineer has proven significant effect in the management and prevention of COVID -19.

- vii. **Nationwide Distribution of AmukkuraChooranam Tablets:** NIS and CCRS through its peripheral institutes distribution of AmukkuraChooranam tablets was carried out related to AzadiKaAmritMahotsav activities.
- viii. An Integrated Siddha cancer OPD is successfully functioning at All India Institute of Ayurveda campus aiding the Palliative care of cancer patients through Siddha system.
- ix. AYUSH-Hospital Management Information System (AHMIS) has been implemented in the peripheral institutes/units of CCRS and NIS.
- x. **Activities under WHO Collaboration:**

The following activities on Siddha System of Medicine have been initiated under the agreement of WHO with Ministry of Ayush:

 - a. Inclusion of Siddha Morbidity Codes in 2nd Module of Traditional Medicine Chapter of ICD-11.
 - b. Siddha Terminology document.
 - c. Bench marks for practice in Siddha and Bench marks for practice in Varmam.
- xi. **Mobile applications and Portal:**
 - a. Validation of Siddha Udaliyal Inventory -YI for the Assessment of Body Constitution (ABC) - It forms the fundamental basis of diagnosing the diseases, the prognosis and in deciding the treatment modality. It will also provide lifestyle modification / recommendation based on the constitution.
 - b. **SiddAR app-** Siddha initiative for documentation of drug Adverse Reaction has been developed to document the observed and reported side effects of Siddha drugs which benefit the public.
 - c. **NAMASTE PORTAL**-National AYUSH Morbidity and Standardized Terminologies Electronic (NAMASTE) Portal gives information about the standard terminology used in Siddha System of Medicine.Honourable Prime Minister had launched the NAMASTE Portal on 17th Oct., 2017.
 - d. Doorman is an Android Mobile Application for Misleading advertisements, Tall claim and magical remedy Act management mobile application.
- xii. **Siddha Day:** Siddha day is being observed on the birth star of SiddharAgasthiyar, the father of Siddha medicine to bring about awareness and popularize Siddha system of medicine amongst the public. The Fifth Siddha Day was celebrated on 23rd December, 2021 by CCRS, NIS & Government of Tamil Nadu at Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam, Chennai.
- xiii. **COVID-19 related Researches may be seen at web link given below;**
<https://www.ayush.gov.in/docs/Published%20Articles%20and%20Preprints.pdf>

(c) & (d): The details are as under:-

State / UT-wise	Sanctioned	Vacant
CCRS	40	2
NIS	37	8
Tamil Nadu	1562	112
Tamil Nadu (National Health Mission)	275	5
Tamil Nadu (National AYUSH Mission)	72	-
Kerala	19	1 (PH quota)
Kerala (National Health Mission)	29	-
Kerala (National AYUSH Mission)	20	1
Puducherry	12	-
Puducherry (National Health Mission)	7	-
Puducherry (National AYUSH Mission)	3	-

Necessary action is taken to fill up the vacancies as and when they arise. In the State of Tamil Nadu, the Medical Services Recruitment Board has notified the vacancies and the government have approved the same vide G.O.(D). No.1157 of Health and Family Welfare Department dated 21.10.2021. The timeline is decided by the MSRB in Tamil Nadu. In case of Uttar Pradesh there is no Siddha Institutions in the State.
