

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -2089
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022**

YOGA COLLEGE/CENTRES

2089. DR. TALARI RANGAIAH:

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

- a. whether the Government has proposed to set up yoga colleges and centres in rural and urban areas across the country;
- b. the details of various yoga colleges and centres being run by the Government in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and
- c. the steps being taken by the Government to promote Yoga and Naturopathy across the rural areas?

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

(a): Public Health being a State subject, setting up of Yoga colleges and centres comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM), there is provision of upgrading AYUSH dispensaries and Sub- centres into Ayush Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs). At these AYUSH HWCs, Yoga is being taught to the public for general health promotion as community based intervention by qualified Yoga Instructor. The State/UT Governments may avail financial assistance by submitting suitable proposals through State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per NAM guidelines.

(b): There are no yoga colleges and centres being run by the Ministry of Ayush in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(c): Ministry of Ayush promotes Yoga and Naturopathy in the country (including rural areas) through its three autonomous bodies namely Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), New Delhi, Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), New Delhi and National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN), Pune. MDNIY provides various courses for Yoga education. CCRYN is the apex body for research and development in the Yoga and Naturopathy systems. NIN, a premier institute for Naturopathy organizes various activities related to

Naturopathy and Yoga. The activities and programs of MDNIY, CCRYN and NIN are available on the websites i.e. yogamdniy.nic.in, www.ccryn.gov.in and ninpune.ayush.gov.in respectively.

Also, Ministry is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for development and promotion of different Ayush systems including Yoga & Naturopathy in the country including rural areas and providing financial assistance to them as per the proposals received in their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). State/UT Governments may avail financial assistance by submitting proposals through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per NAM guidelines.

Further, an Information Education and Communication (IEC) Scheme, has also been devised by the Ministry, activities under which include steps to reach out to people to promote awareness about Yoga and Naturopathy. IEC activities include public events, conferences, exhibitions, camps and programs on TV, Radio, Print-Media etc.
