

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2272
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2022**

PROMOTION OF HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINES

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

- (a) whether there is any scheme for promoting homeopathic medicines in villages;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish homeopathic university and institutions in the country is so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open homeopathic dispensaries and appoint homeopathic doctors in major hospitals; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

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

(a) Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the National AYUSH Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for overall development and promotion of AYUSH systems of medicine including Homoeopathy in the country which also covers the villages and providing financial assistance to them as per the proposals received in their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). The Mission inter-alia envisages the provisions for the following:

- (i) AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres
- (ii) Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs) including Homoeopathy
- (iii) Upgradation of existing standalone Government AYUSH Hospitals including Homoeopathy.
- (iv) Upgradation of existing Government/ Panchayat/ Government aided AYUSH Dispensaries/ Construction of building for existing AYUSH Dispensary (Rented/dilapidated accommodation)/ Construction of building to establish new AYUSH Dispensary in the area where there are no AYUSH facilities available including Homoeopathy.

(v) Supply of essential drugs to Government AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries including Homoeopathy

(vi) AYUSH Public Health Programmes

(vii) Behaviour Change Communication (BCC)

(viii) AYUSH Gram

Further, the Ministry is also implementing the Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information Education and Communication (IEC) in AYUSH to create awareness regarding AYUSH Systems of Medicine including Homoeopathy. This aims to reach out to all sections of the population across the country.

(b) Public Health being a State subject, establishment of Homoeopathic university and institutions in the country comes under the purview of the respective State/UT Governments. However, under NAM, there is a provision of financial assistance for the establishment of new AYUSH colleges including Homoeopathy in the States where the availability of AYUSH teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector. Accordingly, State/UT Governments may avail the eligible financial assistance by submitting suitable proposals through SAAPs as per the NAM guidelines.

(c) & (d) Since, Public Health is a State subject, opening of Homoeopathic dispensaries and the appointment of Homoeopathic Doctors in the hospitals comes under the purview of the respective State/UT Governments. However, under NAM, there is a provision of financial assistance for the construction of a building to establish a new AYUSH dispensary in the area where there are no AYUSH facilities available. Further, under NAM, the components for setting up of 50/30/10 bedded Integrated AYUSH Hospitals and upgradation of the exclusive standalone State Government AYUSH Hospitals are having the provisions for contractual deployment of AYUSH Doctors. Accordingly, State/UT Governments may avail the eligible financial assistance by submitting suitable proposals through SAAPs as per the NAM guidelines.
