

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3305
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05TH AUGUST, 2022**

“MANUFACTURING UNIT OF MEDICINAL PLANTS IN NER”

3305. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to setup manufacturing units of medicinal plants in the North Eastern Region including Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of existing units; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to create awareness and increase popularity of Ayush system of medicines among people?

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

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. Ministry of Ayush has implemented Central Sector Scheme AYUSH Oushadhi Gunvatta Evam Utpadan Samvardhan Yojana (AOGUSY) in the year 2021. The objectives of the Scheme are as under;

- i. To enhance India's manufacturing capabilities and exports of traditional medicines and health promotion products under the initiative of Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- ii. To facilitate adequate infrastructural & technological upgradation and institutional activities in public and private sector for standardization, quality manufacturing and analytical testing of Ayush drugs & materials.
- iii. To strengthen regulatory frameworks at Central and State level for effective quality control, safety monitoring and surveillance of misleading advertisements of Ayush drugs.
- iv. To encourage building up synergies, collaborations and convergent approaches for promoting standards and quality of Ayush drugs & materials.

The components of the AYUSH Oushadhi Gunvatta Evam Utpadan Samvardhan Yojana (AOGUSY) Scheme are as under;

- A. Strengthening and up-gradation of Ayush Pharmacies and Drug Testing Laboratories to achieve higher standards.
- B. Pharmacovigilance of ASU&H drugs including surveillance of misleading advertisements.
- C. Strengthening of Central and State regulatory frameworks including Technical Human Resource & Capacity Building programs for Ayush drugs.
- D. Support for development of standards and accreditation/ certification of Ayush products & materials in collaboration with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Quality Control of India (QCI) and other relevant scientific institutions and industrial R&D centres.

Ministry of Ayush, Government of India had implemented the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the National Ayush Mission (NAM) during the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21 to promote the cultivation of Medicinal Plants throughout the country. As per the scheme guidelines, the support was provided for:

- i. Cultivation of prioritized medicinal plants on farmer's land.
- ii. Establishment of nurseries with backward linkages for raising and supply of quality planting material.
- iii. Post-harvest management with forward linkages.
- iv. Primary processing, marketing infrastructure etc.

Till date, Ministry of Ayush has supported 01 semi processing units to Mizoram under medicinal plants component of National Ayush Mission (NAM) scheme during the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21.

As per the information received from State/UT Government, the number of manufacturing units of medicinal plants in the North Eastern Region is as follows –

S.no.	Name of the State	No. of manufacturing units
1.	Assam	42 Ayurvedic manufacturing units
2.	Manipur	01 Homoeopathic manufacturing unit in Manipur
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	01 Ayurvedic Manufacturing Unit at Government Ayurvedic Pharmacy, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh is functional.

(c) Ministry of Ayush has taken following steps taken by to create awareness and increase popularity of Ayush system of medicines among people -

1) Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for development and promotion of Ayush system of medicines in the Country and providing financial assistance to them as per the proposals received in their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). The Mission inter-alia makes provision for the following: -

(i) AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres

(ii) Co-location of AYUSH facilities at PHCs, CHCs and 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 (Rented/dilapidated accommodation)/Construction of building to establish new AYUSH Dispensary

(v) Setting up of upto 10/30/50 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) Establishment of new AYUSH colleges in the States where availability of AYUSH teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector

(xii) Infrastructural development of AYUSH Under-Graduate Institutions

(xiii) Infrastructural development of AYUSH Post-Graduate Institutions/ add on PG/ Pharmacy/Para-Medical Courses

State/UT Government may avail financial assistance by submitting proposals through State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per NAM guidelines.

2) 12 National Institutes and 05 Research Councils under the aegis of Ministry of Ayush are engaged in Outpatient & Indoor patient services, co-ordinating, formulating, developing and promoting research on scientific lines in Ayush systems of healthcare. These Institutes/

Councils organizes Arogya Melas, Awareness Camps, Treatment Camps, Radio & TV talks, outreach programs like Swasthya Rakshan Program (SRP), Schedule Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) Research Program, Tribal Health Care Research Program (THCRP), National Program for Control of Diabetes Cancer and Stroke (NPCDCS) for creating awareness on Ayush systems of healthcare among the general public. The Councils conducts research in the diverse areas comprising of Clinical Research, Medicinal Plant Research, Drug Standardization & Quality Control; Pharmacological Research and Literary & Fundamental Research to generate tangible evidence.

- 3) Under the celebration of “AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAVA”, all National Institute and Research Councils under Ministry of Ayush has organized webinars, Medical camps, plantation of medicinal plants, public lectures and distribution of Ayush medicines.
- 4) The Ministry has developed a Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of International Co-operation in AYUSH (IC Scheme) under which the Ministry of Ayush provides support to Indian Ayush Manufacturers/ Ayush Service providers to give boost to the export of AYUSH products & services; facilitates the International promotion, development and recognition of AYUSH system of medicine; foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of AYUSH at international level; promote academics and research through the establishment of AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign countries and holding training workshop/symposiums for promoting and strengthening awareness and interest about AYUSH Systems of Medicine at international level.
- 5) Ministry of Ayush has taken various initiatives and significant steps like- issuance of Advisories/ Guidelines for general public and AYUSH practitioners, Campaigns, training of Ayush manpower, communication to States/UTs, establishment of Inter-disciplinary AYUSH R&D Task Force, launch of 150 interdisciplinary research studies, Gazette notification for undertaking research on COVID-19 through Ayush systems of medicine, Augmentation of Human Resource, for the mitigation and management of COVID-19.
- 6) Ministry of Ayush has notified the day of Dhana trayodashi of every year as the Ayurveda day for the promotion, propagation and popularization of Ayurveda every year since 2016.
