

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3425
ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2022**

NUMBER OF AYUSH DOCTORS IN AYUSH CLINICS

3425. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

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

- (a) the number of Ayush doctors currently working in Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic colleges across India;
- (b) whether the Government is providing specific incentives/subsidies to improve the AYUSH ecosystem in the country;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to appoint Ayush doctors in the Public Health Centres of rural areas as well;
- (d) if so, details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken to increase the awareness about the Ayush remedies?

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

- (a) There are approximately 28501 Ayush doctors currently working in Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic colleges across India.
- (b) Ministry of Ayush had developed a Central Sector Scheme namely Champion Services Sector Scheme for Medical Value Travel. Under this scheme, financial assistance in the form of Interest Subsidy is provided to private investors for the establishment of Super Specialty Hospitals/ Day Care Centres of the systems recognized under The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) Act, 2020 or The National Commission for Homeopathy (NCH) Act, 2020 on Pan India basis. The scheme ended on 31st March 2022.
- (c) & (d) Government of India has adopted a strategy of Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs), thus enabling the choice to the patients for different systems of medicines under a single window. The engagement of AYUSH doctors/ paramedics and their training is supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under National Health Mission (NHM), while the support for AYUSH infrastructure, equipment/ furniture and medicines are provided by the Ministry of Ayush under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) as shared responsibilities.

(e) National AYUSH Mission inter-alia makes provisions for the following to increase awareness about the Ayush remedies: -

- (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 (Rented/dilapidated accommodation)/Construction of building to establish new AYUSH Dispensary
- (v) Setting up of upto 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) Infrastructural development of AYUSH Under-Graduate Institutions and AYUSH Post-Graduate Institutions
- (ix) Establishment of new AYUSH Colleges in the States where availability of AYUSH teaching institutions is inadequate in the Government Sector.

Further, the Ministry of Ayush also runs a Central Sector Scheme namely, 'Information Education and Communication'. Under this, the Ministry supports events like National level fairs, State level fairs, seminars, conferences, workshops etc. for propagating the Ayush system of medicine. The scheme also provides for propagation through print and news media.
