

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.965
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2022**

“ANTI MALARIAL DRUGS”

965. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the distribution of anti-malarial drugs is being carried out in the malaria affected districts of Madhya Pradesh under the malaria control programme through Ayush system of medicine, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Ayush system of medicines and foods are being served to save pregnant women, adolescent girls and children from malnutrition under ‘Rasthriya Poshan Mah’ yojana in Madhya Pradesh which has led to reduction in malnutrition and Anemia in rural areas; and
- (c) if so, whether the Government is preparing any special action plan for the development of Ayush systems of medicine along with the details regarding action taken thereof?

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

(a) Yes Sir, As per the information received from State Government of Madhya Pradesh has distributed Homoeopathy medicine Malaria off - 200 in the year 2021-22 in the malaria affected districts of Madhya Pradesh under the malaria control programme and population of 7,06,994 was benefitted.

(b) & (c) Under the Convergence of POSHAN Abhiyan, Ministry of Ayush is a key partner of Ministry of Women and Child Development. Ministry of Ayush has actively participated in the Jan andolan activities under Poshan Abhiyan celebrated as Poshan Pakhwada (around March) and Poshan Maah (during the month of September) every year. During the Rashtriya Poshan Maah theme wise activities are conducted throughout the country.

During Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2021, close to 10.65 lakh activities related to Aayush awareness and practices were conducted in Madhya Pradesh. These activities included awareness campaigns, webinars, seminars, medicine distribution, recipe competition etc.

Ministry of Ayush had participated in the celebration of Poshan Maah and Poshan Pakhwada organized by the Ministry of Women and Child Development through the National Institutes/Research Councils under the Ministry and had also requested to all the Ayush Departments of all the States/UT for the same. The week wise activities covered under Rashtriya Poshan Maah to promote "Ayush Aahar" in the country are as under:

- First Week: Plantation activity in the form of Poshan Vatika at the spaces available in Aanganwadi Centres, Gram Panchayat, Schools, etc.
- Second Week: Yoga and AYUSH for Nutrition (Yoga Sessions targeted for various groups like pregnant women, children and adolescent girls).
- Third Week: Distribution of Nutrition Kits comprising of regional nutritious food to beneficiaries of Aanganwadi along with IEC material in high burden districts.
- Fourth Week: Identification of Severely Acute Malnourished (SAM) children and organising Community Kitchen for the beneficiaries. The National Institutes under the Ministry of Ayush had undertaken various activities such as Poshan Udyan (Nutrigarden) of medicinal herbs, brochure describing Poshan Maah and various Ayurved Aahar recipes, Ayurveda Food Expo showcasing various innovative recipes like Ready to-eat healthy foods.

Ministry had also chosen the theme “Ayurveda for Nutrition” for the 6th Ayurveda Day that was celebrated wide and in various other countries on 2nd November, 2021. Ministry of Ayush has issued an Ayush nutritional guidelines, namely ‘AYUSH Dietary Advisory for Kuposhan Mukh Bharat’, dietary recommendation for pregnant women, dietary suggestions for Lactating Mother, dietary plans for children, dietary advisory for Anaemia in Pregnancy and Malnourished Children for better dissemination and adoption of Ayush based practices at large.
