

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.-2050

ANSWERED ON 2nd AUGUST, 2024

“AYUSH Medical College and Institutes”

2050. Shri Yogender Chandolia:

Shri Dilip Saikia:

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Shri Chandra Prakash Joshi:

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

- (a) the details of the total number of established AYUSH Medical Colleges/Educational Institutes established since 2014 in the country and proposed to be established, State/UT-wise and district-wise, category-wise particularly in Rajgir, Nalanda of Bihar and Rajasthan;
- (b) whether any measures are being taken by the Government to increase the number of AYUSH medical colleges in the country;
- (c) the details of the financial support being provided by the Government for upgrading infrastructure in AYUSH medical colleges in the country;
- (d) whether there has been an increase in the number of seats in the graduation and postgraduation courses in the field of AYUSH education in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether it is a fact that lot of Ayurvedic plants are available in Panch-Pahari region of Rajgir and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether Government has any plans to develop resources in the district of Rajgir of Bihar in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) The details of the total number of established Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathy Colleges/ Educational Institutes established since 2014 in the country is as under:

Academic Year 2014-15				Academic Year 2023-24			
Ayurveda	Unani	Siddha	Homoeopathy	Ayurveda	Unani	Siddha	Homoeopathy
263	44	9	194	541	58	17	277

Further, the details of Colleges proposed to be established/ proposal received to National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) and National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH), which are Regulatory Bodies for establishing new AYUSH Colleges in the country, from various private organizations/NGO's and State Governments for the academic session 2024-25. State /UT- wise details of proposal received to NCISM are at **Annexure-I**.

(b) Since Public Health is a State subject, to increase the number of AYUSH medical colleges, comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments.

(c) Under National Ayush Mission (NAM), there are following provisions of financial assistance to the state/UT Governments for upgrading infrastructure in Ayush Educational Institutions in the country:-

i) Pattern of assistance for Infrastructural development of AYUSH Under-Graduate Institutions:

1. Rs. 350.00 lakhs for Construction of OPD/IPD/Teaching Departments/ Library /Laboratories/ Girls' Hostel/Boys' Hostel, etc.
2. Rs. 150.00 lakhs for Equipment, Furniture, and Library books etc.

ii) Pattern of assistance for Infrastructural development of AYUSH Post-Graduate Institutions/add on PG/ Pharmacy/Para- Medical Courses:

1. Rs. 420.00 lakhs for Construction of OPD/IPD/Teaching Departments/ Library /Laboratories/ Girls' Hostel/Boys' Hostel, etc.
2. Rs. 180.00 lakhs for Equipment, Furniture, and Library books & Payment of stipend to students for new PGs etc.

(d) There has been increase in number of seats in the under graduation (UG) and postgraduation (PG) courses in the field of AYUSH education in the country compared to 2014. Since academic year 2014-15, in under graduation (UG) Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathy courses & postgraduation (PG) courses seats has increased from 32,256 to 64,812 and 1,891 to 7,799 respectively.

(e) & (f) As per information received from State Medicinal Plant Board (SMPB), Bihar, Rajgir has a long association with Ayurveda where very rare and endangered herbs are found in the Panch-hills. Further, as per Botanical Survey of India (BSI), Kolkata, an organization under Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, some common medicinal plants recorded from Rajgir hills are *Abrus precatorious*, *Adhatoda vasica*, *Acacia nilotica*, *Achyranthes aspera*, *Andrographis paniculata*, *Asparagus racemosus*, *Azadirachta indica*, *Aegle marmelos*, *Blumea lacera*, *Boerhaavia diffusa*, *Butea monosperma*, *Cassia fistula*, *Phyllanthus fraternus*, *Portulaca oleracea*, *Plumbago zeylanica*, *Rauvolfia serpentina*, *Terminalia arjuna* etc.

Regional Ayurved Research Institute (RARI) Patna, Bihar is one of the Peripheral Institute of Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Science (CCRAS) conducted Medico Ethno Botanical Survey (MEBS), to enlist the available Medicinal plants in Rajgir, Nalanda district, Bihar during 1971-72.

For Resource Augmentation of medicinal plants in forest area, the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush under its “Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” provides projects based support to State Forest Departments and the financial assistance in this regard is provided as per the cost norms specified in above said Scheme Guideline. However, at present, there is no such proposal with NMPB, Ministry of Ayush.
