

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

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AYUSH Grid Project

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set any target to develop and popularize Ayurvedic way of medicine in the country and if so, the details thereof and the target achieved during the last three years and current year alongwith the challenges faced in this regard;
- (b) the details of number of Ayurvedic Wellness centres functioning in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether the Government has launched AYUSH Grid Project to strengthen the service delivery of the AYUSH sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken steps to strengthen and expedite various R&D projects in Ayurveda during each of the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to make the Ayurveda system of medicine more effective?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) Ministry of Ayush is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments and providing financial assistance to them for development and promotion of Ayush System including Ayurveda as per the NAM guidelines.

The mission inter-alia makes provision for following activities:

(i) Operationalization of Ayush Health & Wellness Centres now renamed as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) including Ayurveda.

(ii) Co-location of Ayush facilities including Ayurveda at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs).

(iii) Upgradation of existing standalone Government Ayush Hospitals including Ayurveda.

(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 including Ayurveda.

(v) Setting up of 10/30/50 bedded integrated Ayush Hospitals including Ayurveda.

(vi) Supply of essential drugs to Government Ayush Hospitals, Government Dispensaries and Government/Government aided Teaching Institutional Ayush Hospitals including Ayurveda.

(vii) Ayush Public Health Programmes.

(viii) Behavior Change Communication (BCC).

(ix) Mobility support at State and District level.

(x) Ayush Gram.

(xi) Establishment of new Ayush colleges including Ayurveda in the States where availability of AYUSH teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector.

(xii) Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate Institutions and Ayush Post-Graduate Institutions including Ayurveda / add on PG/ Pharmacy/Para-Medical Courses.

As per the proposals received from the State/UT Governments during the last 3 years, Ministry of Ayush has released an amount of Rs.1873.20 crore for implementation of different approved activities under NAM. However, during the current Financial Year Grant-in-aid could not be released to the State/UT Governments due to non-compliance of time to time issued guidelines by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance for release of grants. Since, the implementation of Scheme comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments, target has not been fixed by the Ministry.

(b) Public Health being a State subject, setting up of Ayurvedic Wellness Centres comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments including Tamil Nadu. However, under NAM there is a provision of financial assistance to the State/UT Governments for operationalization of Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) including Ayurveda by upgrading existing Ayush Dispensaries and Health Sub centres. As per the proposals received from the State Government of Tamil Nadu through SAAPs, Ministry of Ayush has 650 AAM (Ayush) in Tamil Nadu and as reported by the State Government are functional.

(c) The Ministry of Ayush envisaged the Ayush grid project to be the IT backbone of entire Ayush sector allowing integration of all stakeholders (including all entities under the Ministry) and functions/ services related to Ayush sector. From a user's perspective, the Ayush Grid shall be an integration of IT projects of all streams of Ayush viz. Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Homeopathy in their functional areas. As on date, Ayush Grid project has not been developed by the Ministry of Ayush.

(d) Government of India, Ministry of Ayush has set up Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) an autonomous organization for undertaking, coordinating, formulating, developing and promoting research on scientific lines in Ayurvedic sciences. The core Research Activities are Clinical Research, Medicinal Plant Research (Medico-ethno botanical Survey, Pharmacognosy, and Cultivation), Drug Standardization, Pharmacological Research, Literary Research & Documentation Programme, Public Health research-oriented activities. Besides this, Healthcare services through Outpatient Departments (OPDs), Inpatient

Departments (IPDs), Special clinics for Geriatric Health care are also being provided. CCRAS is also doing various Research & Development activities in collaboration with institutes of National repute such as All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, IIT Guwahati, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS)- Bangalore, Directorate General of Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS), National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) etc. Further, during last 3 years, 246 research projects have been completed and 196 projects are ongoing through CCRAS.

(e) Ministry of Ayush is supporting the efforts of State/UT Governments for overall development and promotion of Ayush systems including Ayurveda in the country by providing financial assistance to them for under activities as mentioned in part (a) of this reply, so that effective health care may be provided to the community through different Ayush system including Ayurveda. Further, following initiatives are taken by Ministry of Ayush to make Ayurveda System of Medicine more effective:

Ministry of Ayush implements a Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) in Ayush to create awareness regarding Ayush Systems of Medicine including Ayurveda. This scheme aims to reach out to all sections of the population across the country and under this Scheme, Ministry organizes National/State level Arogya Fairs, Yoga Fests/Utsavs, Ayurveda Parvs, Celebrate Important Days of Ayush Systems including Ayurveda day, Participate in Health Fairs/ Melas & Exhibitions, Provide financial assistance for organizing seminars, workshops, conferences and conduct multimedia campaigns etc.
