

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 368

TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th DECEMBER, 2024

AYUSH Medicine for Cancer Patients

*368. Shri Dhairyasheel Sambhajirao Mane:

Shri Sudheer Gupta :

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranks third among nations in terms of the highest number of cancer patients and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has supported any project to develop Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy Medicines to fight cancer and other non-communicable diseases and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of patients having cancer and other non-communicable diseases being treated in the AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy Medicines available at affordable costs in the medical shops in the country?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA

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- (a) As per information furnished by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, no such information is available.
- (b) The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has undertaken research for development of Ayurvedic drugs through systematic process of Drug Development and developed various drugs for communicable/non-communicable diseases (**Annexure I**). CCRAS has undertaken a research project entitled “A phase II trial to study efficacy, toxicity and immunomodulatory effect of Carctol-S in high grade serous epithelial ovarian cancer at first serological relapse”; and 55 drugs for non-communicable diseases are under different stages of drug development. Further, the Ministry of Ayush is implementing Central Sector Scheme namely Ayurwashya Yojana since 2021-22. The Scheme has 02 components viz. (i) Ayush & Public Health (PHI) component and (ii) Up-gradation of facilities to Centre of Excellence (CoE). Under the above scheme, Ministry has financially supported following organizations under the Centre of Excellence component to develop Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy Medicines to fight cancer-(i) An amount of Rs.2.66 crores have been released to Arya Vaidya Sala (AVS), Kottakkal, Malappuram, Kerala for setting up CoE in Cancer Research. (ii) An amount of Rs.3.62 crores have been released to Tata Memorial Centre, (TMC) Mumbai, Maharashtra for Centre of Excellence for Discovery and Development of AYUSH Medicine for Cancer Care.

Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Cancer Care at AIIMS, Nagpur has been approved to undertake the following studies-

1. Exploring Ayurvedic Combinations and Natural Compounds in Treatment of Oral Premalignant lesions and Oral Cancer and Integration with Modern Medicine: A Pilot Study.

2. Efficacy of classical Ayurvedic treatment (CAT) as add-on to conventional bio- medicine: Integrated approach to determine improvement in quality of life of head- neck (HNC) cancer patients

(c) The details of the number of patients having cancer and other non-communicable diseases being attended in the Ayush hospitals and dispensaries of Research Councils and National Institutes under the Ministry of Ayush in the country, State/UT-wise are placed at **Annexure II**.

(d) Ayurveda products have been added in the product basket of Pradhan mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), which are being made available through selected Kendras at affordable rates. Further, an Ayush Aushadhi Kendra was inaugurated by Hon'ble President of India on 9th Oct, 2024 at All India institute of Ayurveda New Delhi. Ministry of Ayush running OPD/IPD facilities through peripheral institutes of Research Councils, hospital associated with National Institutes and their satellite centres, Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) across the country and dispensing the Ayush Medicines as per availability to the patients free of cost.

List of some important drugs developed by CCRAS since inception

S. No.	Name of the Drug	Indication
1.	AYUSH -64	(i) Malaria (ii) Mild to moderate COVID-19
2.	AYUSH-56	Epilepsy
3.	AYUSH-82	Diabetes Mellitus
4.	NIMBATIKTAM	Psoriasis and Duodenal ulcer
5.	AYUSH POSHAK YOGA AND PEYA	Immunomodulatory, Antistress and General Health Promotion
6.	SHUNTHI GUGGULU	Rheumatoid Arthritis (Amavata)
7.	KSHARASUTRA	Ano Rectal Disorders
8.	AYUSH BALARASAYANA	Promotion of Health in Children
9.	AYUSH GHUTTI	Prevention of Diarrhoea and Fever in Children
10.	AYURVEDIC FORMULATIONS	Antenatal Care

OPD/IPD patients during the year 2023-24 (Non Communicable Disease Data)						
S.No.	States/UTs	AYURVEDA	HOMOEOPATHY	SIDDHA	UNANI	Total
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2979	4829	-	-	7808
2.	Andhra Pradesh	50817	70333	2423		123573
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	4265	-	-	-	4265
4.	Assam	27514	11865	-	-	39379
5.	Bihar	40735	12421	-	9	53165
6.	Delhi	161453	112492	374	1420	275739
7.	Goa	3582	360	698	-	4640
8.	Gujarat	18202	-	-	-	18202
9.	Himachal Pradesh	5715	5939	-	-	11654
10.	J&K	29400	-	-	21172	50572
11.	Jharkhand	-	5456	-	-	5456
12.	Karnataka	53286	-	2986	-	56272
13.	Kerala	100786	114053	663	-	215502
14.	Madhya Pradesh	38066	-	-	2584	40650
15.	Maharashtra	75562	30296	-	-	105858
16.	Manipur	-	1839	-	-	1839
17.	Meghalaya	14629	-	-	-	14629
18.	Mizoram	-	286	-	-	286
19.	Nagaland	7738	1235	-	-	8973
20.	Odisha	35822	22009	-	5893	63724
21.	Punjab	36681	-	-	-	36681
22.	Puducherry	-	24049	3495	-	27544
23.	Rajasthan	38050	32694	-	-	70744
24.	Sikkim	11483	1599	-	-	13082
25.	Tamil Nadu	3585	10456	5692	22728	42461
26.	Telangana	-	25224	-	-	25224

27.	Tripura	8694	9592	-	-	18286
28.	Uttar Pradesh	47382	133641	-	1336	182359
29.	Uttarakhand	13529	-	-	-	13529
30.	West Bengal	35585	53497	-	-	89082
	Total	865540	684165	17638	55142	1621178

TOTAL NO. OF SPECIAL CANCER OPD DURING THE PERIOD 2023-24		
ORGANIZATION	STATE	NUMBER OF PATIENTS
NIA	Rajasthan (Jaipur)	1012
AIIA	Delhi	5639
	Haryana (Jhajjar)	4162
NIH	Kolkata	1410
NEIAH	Meghalaya	27
CCRS	Tamilnadu	2
	Kerala	1
	Karnataka	36
	Andhra Pradesh	59
	Puducherry	26
	New Delhi	1881
	Goa	0
Total		14255