

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 65
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th NOVEMBER, 2024**

“Ayurvedic Package under AB-PMJAY”

65-SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

SHRI DINESHBHAI MAKWANA:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ayurvedic packages along with the number of packages to be included in Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan ArogyaYojana (AB-PMJAY);
- (b) the details of the impact of offering wider range of traditional Ayurvedic treatments on the beneficiaries under the scheme; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to popularise the Ayurvedic treatment as an alternative to the Allopathic system of medicine for the beneficiaries?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF
AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAP RAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK
SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 65 FOR 29th NOVEMBER,
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(a) Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri-Jan ArogyaYojana (AB-PMJAY) aims to provide health cover of Rs. 5 Lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to approximately 55 Crore beneficiaries corresponding to 12.37 Crore families constituting the bottom 40% of India's population.

The latest National Health Benefits Packages include 1,961 packages across 27 specialties, offering secondary and tertiary care services to PM-JAY beneficiaries. All pre-existing conditions are covered from day one and services include a list of predetermined procedures covering all the costs related to treatment.

Addition of the new packages to the National Health Benefits Packages is done by Medical Expert committees set up for different specialties comprising of experts from leading institutions.

The committee assesses the need for the inclusion of the new package evaluating the clinical relevance, cost-effectiveness, and overall impact of the proposed packages on patient care and health outcomes. The committee also finalises the standard treatment guidelines and required documentation to guide healthcare providers and streamline the claims process. Recommendations of the committee are reviewed by the Health Policy and Quality Assurance Division of NHA and after consultation with the State Health Authorities, the packages are

finalized for inclusion in the National Health Benefits Package with approval of the competent authority.

The Ayush packages are not included in Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PM JAY).

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Ministry of Ayush has taken following steps to create awareness and increase popularity of Ayush system of medicines among people

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1) Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for development and promotion of Ayush system of medicines in the Country and providing financial assistance to them as per the proposals received in their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). The Mission inter-alia makes provision for the following: -

- i. Ayush Health & Wellness Centres
- ii. Co-location of Ayush facilities at PHCs, CHCs and 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 10/30/50 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. Behaviour Change Communication (BCC)
- ix. Mobility support at State and District level
- x. Ayush Gram
- xi. Establishment of new Ayush colleges in the States where availability of Ayush teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector
- xii. Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate Institutions
- xiii. Infrastructural development of Ayush Post-Graduate Institutions/ add on PG/ Pharmacy/Para-Medical Courses

State/UT Government may avail financial assistance by submitting proposals through State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per NAM guidelines.

2) 12 National Institutes and 05 Research Councils under the aegis of Ministry of Ayush are engaged in Outpatient & Indoor patient services, co-ordinating, formulating, developing and promoting research on scientific lines in Ayush systems of healthcare. These Institutes/ Councils organizes Arogya Melas, Awareness Camps, Treatment Camps, Radio & TV talks, outreach programs like

Swasthya Rakshan Program (SRP), Schedule Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) Research Program, Tribal Health Care Research Program (THCRP), National Program for Control of Diabetes Cancer and Stroke (NPCDCS) for creating awareness on Ayush systems of healthcare among the general public. The Councils conducts research in the diverse areas comprising of Clinical Research, Medicinal Plant Research, Drug Standardization & Quality Control; Pharmacological Research and Literary & Fundamental Research to generate tangible evidence.

3) Under the celebration of “AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAVA”, all National Institute and Research Councils under Ministry of Ayush has organized webinars, Medical camps, plantation of medicinal plants, public lectures and distribution of Ayush medicines.

4)The Ministry has developed a Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of International Co-operation in Ayush (IC Scheme) under which the Ministry of Ayush provides support to Indian Ayush Manufacturers/ Ayush Service providers to give boost to the export of Ayush products & services; facilitates the International promotion, development and recognition of Ayush system of medicine; foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of Ayush at international level; promote academics and research through the establishment of Ayush Academic Chairs in foreign countries and holding training workshop/symposiums for promoting and strengthening awareness and interest about Ayush Systems of Medicine at international level.

5) Ministry of Ayush has taken various initiatives and significant steps like- issuance of Advisories/ Guidelines for general public and Ayush practitioners, Campaigns, training of Ayush manpower, communication to States/UTs, establishment of Inter-disciplinary Ayush R&D Task Force, launch of 150 interdisciplinary research studies, Gazette notification for undertaking research on COVID-19 through Ayush systems of medicine, Augmentation of Human Resource, for the mitigation and management of COVID-19.

6) Ministry of Ayush has notified the day of Dhanvantari Trayodashi of every year as the Ayurveda day for the promotion, propagation and popularization of Ayurveda every year since 2016.

7) As on 14.03.2024, 541 Ayurveda Colleges across country are approved/registered by the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) which is statutory regulatory body under Ministry of Ayush. There are 3885 Ayush hospitals in the country as on 01.04.2023 with bed strength 62670. Among which 3005 hospitals are of Ayurveda system of medicine. As on 01.04.2023, 37804 Ayush dispensaries exist in country among which 25426 dispensaries are of Ayurveda system of medicine. These hospitals are providing Ayurveda treatment to general public at concessional rates or free of cost.
