

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2038
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2024**

“Deployment of AYUSH Doctors in Rural Areas”

2038. Shri Ajay Bhatt:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the number of doctors in the country is less than one doctor per thousand population and this ratio is even worse in rural areas;
- (b) if so, whether there is any plan to give one year training to AYUSH doctors in allopathy treatment i.e. crash course and deploy them in rural areas to meet the shortage of the doctors in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per information provided by National Medical Commission (NMC), there are 13,86,145 allopathic doctors registered with the State Medical Councils (SMCs) and the National Medical Commission (NMC) as on November, 2024. Assuming 80% availability of registered allopathic doctors and around 6.14 lakh Ayush doctors, the doctor-population ratio in the country is around 1:811 which is better than the WHO standard of 1:1000.
- (b) to (d) There is no such plan to give one-year training to AYUSH doctors in allopathy treatment in the Ministry of Ayush and deploy them in rural areas. As Public Health is a State subject, it is the responsibility of State/ UT Governments to deploy Ayush doctors and give training to them.
