GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AYUSH

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3155 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2024

Provision of AYUSH Services

3155. Shri Selvam G: Shri C N Annadurai:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the key components of the National AYUSH Mission with respect to financial assistance provided to States for promoting alternative systems of medicine;
- (b) whether the Government has identified specific gaps in the provision of AYUSH services at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and district hospitals;
- (c) the efforts being made to fill these gaps, including infrastructure development, manpower training and awareness campaigns;
- (d) the timeline set for achieving full integration of AYUSH services into primary and secondary healthcare systems;
- (e) the challenges faced in providing alternative medicine treatment in remote and tribal areas:
- (f) whether the Government has set targets for expanding AYUSH services under NAM; and (g) if so, the timeline fixed for achieving these targets?

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

- (a) The key components of the National AYUSH Mission (NAM) with respect to financial assistance provided to States for promoting alternative systems of medicine are as follows:
 - (i) Operationlisation of Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) by upgrading existing Ayush dispensaries and Sub health Centres.
 - (ii) Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (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 in the area where there are no Ayush facilities available.
- (v) Setting up of 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) Establishment of new Ayush colleges in the States where availability of Ayush teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector.
- (ix) Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate Institutions and Ayush Post-Graduate Institutions/ add on PG/ Pharmacy /Para-Medical Courses.
- (b) to (e) Mainstreaming of Ayush is one of the core strategies in National Health Mission which seeks to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care to the population. Under National Health Mission (NHM), engagement & training of AYUSH doctors/ paramedics is supported, provided they are co-located with existing District Hospitals (DHs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) with priority given to remote PHCs and CHCs. Support for Ayush infrastructure, equipment/ furniture and medicines are provided by the Ministry of Ayush under National Ayush Mission (NAM) as shared responsibilities. States/UTs can avail the financial assistance by submitting suitable proposals through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) & Program Implementation Plan (PIPs) under NAM & NHM respectively.

Mainstreaming of Ayush has been taken up in 13,146 Ayush facilities co-located under NHM [6,354 PHCs, 3,010 Community Health Centers (CHC), 474 Districts Hospitals (DH), 3107 health facilities above Sub- Center (SC) but below block level and 201 health facilities other than CHC at or above block level but below district level]. 24,989 AYUSH doctors and 2709 Paramedics are in-position in various co-located health facilities (as per NHM-MIS as on 30.06.2024).

(f) to (g) Ministry of Ayush is implementing the centrally sponsored scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for overall development, promotion & expansion of Ayush services in the country. Since implementation of NAM scheme comes under purview of respective State/UT Governments, accordingly no specific targets are being fixed by the Government of India.
