

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3185
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2024

Promotion of integrative Healthcare System

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Will the Minister of AYUSH

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote integrative healthcare by combining AYUSH practices with modern medicine in primary healthcare centers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such initiatives of the Government, State/UT-wise particularly in Bihar including Champaran district;
- (c) whether any support is being provided to promote medicinal plant cultivation in Bihar under National Ayush Mission and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the current status of these projects and their impact on local farmers; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure availability and affordability of AYUSH medicines in the rural areas of the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Government of India has adopted a strategy of Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs) of modern medicine, thus enabling the choice to the patients for different systems of medicines under a single window. The engagement of Ayush doctors/ paramedics and their training is being supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under National Health Mission (NHM), while the support for Ayush infrastructure, equipment/ furniture and medicines is being provided by the Ministry of Ayush under National Ayush Mission (NAM), as shared responsibilities. The State/UT wise details of co-located Ayush facilities at PHCs, CHCs and DHs including Champaran in Bihar is furnished at **Annexure-I**.

(c) & (d) Ministry of Ayush, Government of India had implemented Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) to promote the cultivation of medicinal plants since 2015-16 to 2020-21. Under 'Medicinal Plants' component of the National Ayush Mission Scheme, market driven cultivation of 140 prioritized medicinal plants in identified clusters/zones was supported and implemented in a mission mode through selected State Implementing agencies throughout the country including Bihar. As per the scheme guidelines, the support was provided for:

- (i) Cultivation of prioritized medicinal plants on farmer's land.
- (ii) Establishment of nurseries with backward linkages for raising and supply of quality planting material.
- (iii) Post-harvest management with forwarding linkages.
- (iv) Primary processing, marketing infrastructure etc.

Till date, Ministry of Ayush had approved an amount of Rs. 287.201 lakh & released an amount of Rs. 172.32 lakh as a central share and supported 175 hectare area for 07 species namely Giloy, Kalmegh, Shatavari, Tulsi, Bach, Sarpagandha and Safed Musli under cultivation of medicinal plants, 07 nurseries, 14 post-harvest management units (storage / godown and drying shed) and 07 processing units in Bihar under medicinal plants component of NAM scheme from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21. Detail is given at **Annexure-II**. Presently, National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush is not supporting financial assistance for cultivation/ plantation of medicinal plants on farmer's land.

(e) Ministry is supporting the effort of State/UT Governments by providing financial assistance under different activities like supply of medicine to Ayush Hospital/Dispensary, co-location of Ayush facilities at the level of PHC, CHC & DH, operationalisation of Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) by upgrading existing Ayush dispensaries and Sub Health Centre to ensure availability and affordability of Ayush medicines in the rural areas of the country under NAM scheme.

The State/UT status of co-located Ayush facilities at PHCs, CHCs and DHs

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	DH	CHC	PHC	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	9	105	273	387
2	Arunachal Pradesh	16	34	50	100
3	Assam	21	110	364	495
4	Bihar	36	0	0	36
5	Chhattisgarh	18	98	454	570
6	Goa	2	6	22	30
7	Gujarat	0	0	868	868
8	Haryana	21	101	106	228
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0
10	Jharkhand	24	188	97	309
11	Karnataka	15	78	375	468
21	Kerala	0	0	0	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	36	99	285	420
14	Maharashtra	23	238	20	281
15	Manipur	7	17	78	102
16	Meghalaya	11	25	54	90
17	Mizoram	12	9	10	31
18	Nagaland	9	20	9	38
19	Odisha	0	302	858	1160
20	Punjab	15	72	100	187
21	Rajasthan	0	52	146	198
22	Sikkim	4	1	4	9
23	Tamil Nadu	37	388	475	900
24	Telangana	0	42	352	394
25	Tripura	3	21	84	108
26	Uttarakhand	13	53	44	110
27	Uttar Pradesh	102	666	627	1395
28	West Bengal	8	280	368	656
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	3	4	20	27
30	Chandigarh	1	2	29	32
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	2	4	9	15
32	NCT of Delhi	0	0	0	0
33	Jammu & Kashmir	13	13	372	398
34	Ladakh	2	7	32	41
35	Lakshadweep	2	3	4	9
36	Puducherry	4	4	39	47
		469	3042	6628	10139

Source: as per NHM-MIS database as on 31st March 2024

Annexure – II

The detail of activities approved in Bihar under Medicinal Plants Component of National Ayush Mission (NAM) scheme from the financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21.

S.No.	Activities	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20		2020-21
						Physical	Financial	
1	Area covered under cultivation of medicinal plants (Area in hectare)	0	0	0	0	175	74.487	0
2	Establishment of Nursery	0	0	0	0	7	8.75	0
3	No. of Post-Harvest Management units (in numbers)	0	0	0	0	14	140	0
4	Processing Unit	0	0	0	0	7	39.97	0
5	Flexi component	0	0	0	0	-	23.994	0
6	Fund approved (Rs. in lakh)	0	0	0	0	0	287.201	0
7	Fund released (Central share) (Rs. in lakh)	0	0	0	0	0	172.32	0