

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4183  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**“MoU between AYUSH and TB Division”**

**4183. Shri Balashowry Vallabhaneni:**

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that an MoU was signed between AYUSH Ministry and the Central TB Division to forge convergence so as to eliminate TB from the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the MoU has helped AYUSH Ministry to develop linkages and integrate TB care services with other healthcare infrastructure; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government has orientated and sensitised not only people but also AYUSH UG and PG students towards TB and its elimination from the country?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) Yes, an MoU was signed between the Ministry of Ayush and the Central TB Division on 04.07.2019 with the objectives of convergence at policy, programme, and implementation levels across both ministries for a multi-sectoral and accelerated response toward Tuberculosis (TB) -Free India with following scope of collaborations:

- Development of linkages and integration of TB care services under the health infrastructure and institutional network affiliated with the Ministry of Ayush;
- Awareness generation and sensitization among various communities including Ayush service providers about Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) guidelines, TB diagnosis & treatment and recent policy changes and initiatives;
- Orientation and Sensitization of final year Undergraduate students, Interns, Postgraduate students, faculty of Ayush on TB prevention, diagnostics and treatment through modular lectures and inclusion in the Continuing Medical Education (CME) programs;

- Capacity building of in-service and private Ayush practitioners through modular trainings and Continuing Medical Education (CME) for early diagnosis of TB, improving referral of patients and their engagement as community Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) providers and involvement in the implementation of Tuberculosis Control Programme.
- Promote adjuvant use and undertake research collaboration about evidence based Ayush interventions for TB control and management; and
- Facilitate development of TB-Free workplaces by adoption of inclusive workplace policies and best practices at Ayush institutions, offices, health facilities etc.

A guidance document on collaborative initiatives between the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP) and the Ministry of Ayush, has been released which has been endorsed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

All Ayush Medical Officers are encouraged to actively screen for presumptive TB cases and refer to the nearest NTEP diagnostic health facility. Linkages of Ayush facilities for TB diagnosis and treatment is being facilitated by the State Governments.

Training of Trainers (ToTs) have been organized by Central TB Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for in-service Ayush Practitioners, and Research Officers in four batches at National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases (NITRD), New Delhi from 18. 12. 2023 to 21. 12. 2023.

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