

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.756
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2024**

Shortage of AYUSH Doctors

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of AYUSH doctors in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the current estimated shortfall in the number of doctors in the country;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address this shortage and increase the number of AYUSH practitioners in the country;
- (c) the number of AYUSH doctors currently practicing in rural and underserved areas within Tamil Nadu including Kallakurichi constituency;
- (d) whether the Government plan to introduce any measures to improve training, recruitment and retention of AYUSH doctors in future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) The primary responsibility to increase the number of AYUSH doctors in the country comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments as Public Health is a State subject. However, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM), the components for setting up of up to 50/30/10 bedded integrated Ayush Hospitals, upgradation of exclusive standalone Ayush Hospitals inter-alia are having provision for contractual deployment of AYUSH Doctors. In this regard, State/UT Governments are required to submit their proposals through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per the guidelines of the scheme.
- (c) Public Health being a State subject, number of AYUSH doctors currently practicing in rural and underserved areas within Tamil Nadu including Kallakurichi constituency is maintained by the State Government.
- (d) and (e) The Ministry of Ayush is implementing a Central Sector Scheme namely AYURGYAN since 2021-22 with the aim to support Research & Innovation in Ayush by providing Extra Mural Research activities and Education by providing academic activities, training, Capacity Building etc. The Scheme has 03 components viz. (i) Capacity Building & Continuing Medical Education (CME) in Ayush (ii) Research & Innovation in AYUSH from

FY 2021-22 and 3rd component namely Ayurveda Biology Integrated Health Research has also been added under the scheme from FY 2023-24. Under Capacity Building & Continuing Medical Education (CME) in Ayush, financial assistance is provided to the eligible organizations, as per the provisions contained in the Scheme guideline, for conducting training program for Ayush personnel.
