

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No.791
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Central Institute for AYUSH

791. Dr. Byreddy Shabari:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to set up any central institute for AYUSH in the Nandyal district of Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any steps have been taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to tap the traditional ayurvedic knowledge of tribal communities of Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any programmes/schemes are being implemented across Andhra Pradesh for promoting the benefits of the AYUSH system of medicines and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any steps have been taken/proposed to be taken by the Government under the National Ayush mission to improve medical infrastructure at Nandyal Parliamentary Constituency and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for conservation and sustainable management of medicinal plants of Nandyal region?

ANSWER

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

- (a): No.
- (b): Local Health tradition and medical practices by traditional knowledge holders in the tribal community are being documented by Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Vijayawada, a peripheral institute of Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), under Tribal Health Care Programme of Tribal Sub-Plan (THCRP – TSP).
- (c) & (d): The Ministry implements the Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information Education and Communication (IEC) in Ayush to create awareness regarding Ayush Systems of Medicine. This aims to reach out to all sections of the population across

the country including in the state of Andhra Pradesh. This scheme provides assistance for organizing National/State Arogya Fairs, Yoga Fests/Utsavs, Ayurveda Parvs, etc. The Ministry also undertakes Multi-Media, Print Media Campaigns for creating awareness about Ayush System.

Under the Ministry of Ayush, the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) and Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) are autonomous organisations having their centres functioning in Andhra Pradesh. These research organisations, besides their research activities, also conduct various public Health Programme providing health care through Ayush at their door steps and creating awareness about Health, hygiene and Ayush based advocacy through awareness lecture and distribution of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material in the selected area during field visits.

Public Health being a State subject, improvement of Ayush infrastructure comes under the purview of respective State Government. Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments including Andhra Pradesh and supporting their efforts for overall development and promotion of Ayush system of medicines by providing financial assistance to them under different activities as per the provision of NAM guidelines against their submitted State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). However, under NAM as per the proposals received SAAPs, 06 Ayush dispensaries have been supported to be upgraded as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) in the Nandyal Parliamentary Constituency.

The Mission inter-alia makes provision for the following activities including medical infrastructure: -

- (i) Operationalization of Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM)- Ayush
- (ii) Co-location of Ayush facilities Ayurveda 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) Establishment of new Ayush colleges in the States where availability of Ayush teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector
- (viii) Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate Institutions
- (ix) Infrastructural development of Ayush Post Graduate Institutions/ add on PG/ Pharmacy /Para-Medical Courses
- (x) Ayush Public Health Programs

(e): The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) of Ministry of Ayush, under the Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants, supported a project “Resource augmentation of medicinal plants, tree, herb and shrub species in 1900 Ha. through 19 Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) of Andhra Pradesh during 2014-15 to State Forest Department, Andhra Pradesh including 100 Ha. area for Resource Augmentation of medicinal plants in Nandyal Forest Division.
