

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 80
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2025**

Promotion of AYUSH Medicine

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of major schemes being implemented by the Government to promote traditional systems of medicine like Ayurveda, Yoga and Homoeopathy in the country, stream-wise;
- (b) the details of special efforts being made by the Government to improve the quality of healthcare services and to propagate AYUSH systems of medicine; and
- (c) the types of schemes proposed to be implemented by the Government to increase employment and educational opportunities for the youths in the field of AYUSH?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

The Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 80 for 07.02.2025

(a) & (b) Ministry of Ayush is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through States/UTs for development and promotion of Ayush systems of medicine like Ayurveda, Yoga and Homeopathy in the country. Grant-in-aid is provided to States/UTs as per the proposals submitted by the State/UT Governments through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs).

The NAM inter-alia makes provision for following activities:

- (i) Operationalization of Ayush Health & Wellness Centres (AHWCs) now renamed as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush).
- (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
- (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 Programs
- (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.

As per proposals received through SAAPs from State/UT Governments, Grant-in-aid of Rs. 5227.64 Crore has been released to State/UT Governments for development and promotion of Ayush systems of medicine. Consolidated funds are being released to States/UTs as per proposals received through SAAPs. However, no system-wise fund is being released.

Further, the Ministry is also implementing the Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information Education and Communication (IEC) in Ayush to create awareness regarding Ayush Systems of Medicine including Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy. This aims to reach out to all sections of the population across the country. This scheme provides assistance for organizing National/State Arogya Fairs, Yoga Fests/Utsavs, Ayurveda Parvs, etc.

Furthermore, Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) for Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) and Ayush Hospitals have been launched on 04th March, 2024 by the then Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. Accordingly, these standards have been shared with State /UT Governments for compliance to improve the quality of health care delivery in the country.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India and the Quality Council of India (QCI), through its Board, National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & healthcare Providers (NABH), for NABH Ayush Entry Level

certification (AELC) of Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) and Integrated Ayush hospitals supported under the National Ayush Mission (NAM).

(c) As of now, no new proposed scheme is under consideration to be implemented. However, under the aegis of Ministry of Ayush New Colleges are being given permission every year through National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) and National Commission for Homeopathy (NCH) to educate more students under Ayush education system to increase employment. Under the NAM Scheme also States/UTs are being assisted financially to establish new Ayush colleges with the aim to provide proper and standard education to increase employment.
