

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1879
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2025**

DRUG ABUSE

†1879. **SHRI RADHESHYAM RATHIYA:**

SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT:

SHRI YOGENDER CHANDOLIA:

SHRI P P CHAUDHARY:

SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

SHRI NABA CHARAN MAJHI:

SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the various programmes and schemes likely to be launched under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance geriatric healthcare and combat drug abuse;
- (b) the manner in which the Government proposes to integrate Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy and Ayush based interventions with existing healthcare and de-addiction programmes at the State and district levels;
- (c) whether additional financial assistance to be provided to State Governments for implementing AYUSH based Programmes for old age people and de-addiction including Chhattisgarh; and
- (d) if so, the total financial assistance provided including Durg Parliamentary Constituency and district Bemetara, State/district-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) & (b): As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of AYUSH (MoA), roles and responsibilities of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of AYUSH are as under –

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

- i. Facilitate and support the Ayush Autonomous Bodies in establishing Geriatric health centers as well as drug de-addiction centers.

- ii. Support research in the area of Geriatric health and substance abuse.
- iii. Promote integration of any of the Ayush services in old age home and de-addiction centers.
- iv. Incorporate Ayush system in the preventive and curative aspects of senior citizen and drug addicts.
- v. Create awareness about Ayush system among senior citizen and substance users.
- vi. Support develop IEC material on De-addiction and geriatric care.
- vii. Support organize training programs, workshops, and seminars aimed at capacity building of geriatric caregivers and substance abuse counselors

Ministry of AYUSH

- i. Develop training module and treatment protocol of Ayush system in the field of geriatric caregivers and substance abuse counselors.
- ii. Developing video module on yoga training program for the senior citizen and substance users.
- iii. Share knowledge and practices in preventive and curative care for senior citizens mainly in the field of geriatric care and mental health.
- iv. Provide Ayush related technical support for promoting the health of senior citizen and substance users
- v. Establish separate de-addiction and geriatric units in the autonomous bodies under MoA.

The drug de-addiction through Ayush intervention includes primary prevention, treatment of affected, secondary prevention and rehabilitation.

(c): No such proposal is under consideration of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

(d): Does not arise.
