

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3465
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Geriatric Health Care Services

3465. Shri Pradeep Kumar Singh:

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Will the Minister of AYUSH

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programmes and schemes to be launched under MoU to enhance geriatric healthcare services and combat substance abuse;

(b) the manner in which the Government is contemplating to integrate AYUSH based interventions with existing health care and de-addiction programmes at State and district level across the country, State/UT-wise especially in Jharkhand;

(c) whether additional financial assistance is likely to be provided to the State Governments to implement AYUSH based old age and de-addiction programmes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) A MoU was signed between Ministry of Ayush (MoA) and Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) on 12.02.2025 with the following objectives -

- i. Develop cooperation, convergence and synergy between MoA and DoSJE to have innovative initiatives to promote health of senior citizens and also to attempt reducing demand for drugs and substance abuse, their treatment and mental rehabilitation

through, awareness generation, capacity building of service providers through Ayush systems.

- ii. Promote research in the area of Geriatric health, substance abuse and mental health
- iii. Any other activities for the purpose of health promotion of geriatric as well as drug addict population.

As per the MoU, the roles and responsibilities of Ministry of Ayush for geriatric healthcare and substance abusers are to develop training module and treatment protocol of Ayush systems in the field of geriatric caregivers and substance abuse counsellors, develop video module on yoga training program, share knowledge and practices in preventive and curative care, provide Ayush related technical support and provide geriatric healthcare and de-addiction through autonomous bodies under Ministry of Ayush.

Under the MoU, DOSJE is responsible for facilitating the Ayush Autonomous bodies in establishing the Geriatric Health Centers, support the research in the area of geriatric health, promote the integration of any of Ayush services in old age homes, to incorporate the Ayush systems in preventive and curative aspects of senior citizens, create awareness about the Ayush systems amongst the senior citizens, to support and develop IEC material on geriatric care, to support in organizing the training programs, workshops and seminars aimed at capacity building of geriatric caregivers. Copy of the MoU has been shared with the Regional Resource Training Centres (RRTCs) under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to expand the reach of the MoU for the welfare of the senior citizens of the country including Jharkhand.
