

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3571
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025

Promotion of AYUSH

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes implemented to promote Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) and the number of operational health centres in Odisha;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to set up new AYUSH hospitals and research centres in Odisha;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (d) whether any special scheme is being implemented to preserve and promote traditional medicinal plants and tribal knowledge of medicines in Odisha and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government is taking any special steps to integrate AYUSH system of medicine with mainstream health facilities in Odisha and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Ministry of Ayush is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for overall development and promotion of Ayush system such as Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Homoeopathy in the country including Odisha. Under NAM, financial assistance is being provided to States/UTs including Odisha for different activities as per the provision of NAM guidelines against their submitted proposals through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). The Mission inter-alia makes provision for the following activities: -
- (i) Ayush Health & Wellness Centres 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 in the area where there are no Ayush facilities available.

(v) Setting up of upto 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 Programmes.

(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.

Under NAM as per the proposals received from State Government of Odisha through SAAPs 422 number of Ayush Dispensaries have been supported to be upgraded as Ayush Health and Wellness Centres now known as Ayushman Arogya Mandirs(Ayush), and as reported by State Government all are functional.

(b) & (c) Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to setting up Integrated Ayush hospitals and research centers in State of Odisha lies with the respective State Government. However, under NAM as per the proposals received through SAAPs, 3 unit of 50 bedded Integrated Ayush Hospital one each at Behrampore, Balasore, and Dhenkanal have been approved in the State of Odisha. Further under NAM, there is no provision to establishment of research centre.

(d) National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush, Government of India is implementing Central Sector Scheme on “Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants” throughout the country including Odisha wherein following activities are supported:

(i) Information Education & Communication (IEC) activities like Training / Workshops / Seminars/ Conferences etc. to promote the medicinal plants.

(ii) Establishment of nurseries.

(iii) *In-situ* conservation / *Ex-situ* conservation.

(iv) Livelihood linkages with Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) / Panchayats / Van Panchayats / Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) / Self Help Groups (SHGs).

(v) Research & Development.

(vi) Promotion, marketing and trade of medicinal plants produce.

(vii) Forward and backward linkage in supply chain of medicinal plants (Integrated Component) under which the following activities are supported:

- Infrastructure for Quality Planting Material to raise the planting material of medicinal plants for cultivation.
- Information Education Communication (IEC) activities to aware the farmers.
- Infrastructure for Post-Harvest Management and Marketing to increase the marketability of the medicinal plants, adding value to the produce, increasing profitability and reducing losses.
- Quality Testing and Certification of raw material.

(e) Government of India has adopted a strategy of Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs), in the country including Odisha thus enabling the choice to the patients for different systems of medicines under a single window. The engagement of Ayush doctors/ paramedics and their training is supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under National Health Mission (NHM), while the support for Ayush infrastructure, equipment/ furniture and medicines are provided by the Ministry of Ayush under NAM as shared responsibilities.
