

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3580

TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025

National AYUSH Mission in Tamil Nadu

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National AYUSH Mission (NAM) and the number of AYUSH hospitals, dispensaries and wellness centers established in Tamil Nadu so far;

(b) the amount of financial assistance allocated to Tamil Nadu under the National AYUSH Mission and the details of specific projects undertaken to promote traditional systems of medicine in the State, especially in Kallakurichi district;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to integrate AYUSH systems into the mainstream healthcare system in Tamil Nadu and its impact on healthcare accessibility and affordability in the State, stream-wise;

(d) whether the Government plan to improve the infrastructure, training and capacity-building efforts for AYUSH professionals under the National AYUSH Mission and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the measures being taken to promote research and innovation in AYUSH systems and the manner in which the State is benefitting from the research initiatives under the National AYUSH Mission?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Ayush is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for overall development and promotion of Ayush systems across the country through States/UTs including Tamil Nadu. Under NAM, Ministry of Ayush supports the efforts of State/UT Governments by providing financial assistance to them under different activities as per the provision of NAM guidelines against their submitted State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). The Mission *inter-alia* makes provision for the following activities: -

- (i) Operationalization of Ayush Health and Wellness Centres now renamed as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) by upgrading existing Ayush dispensaries and Sub health Centres.
- (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 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.

As reported by State Government of Tamil Nadu, 295 Ayush hospitals and 1238 dispensaries are functional. Further, Ministry of Ayush has approved 650 Ayush Health and Wellness Centre now renamed as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) in the State of Tamil Nadu by upgrading existing Ayush dispensaries as per proposals received from State Government of Tamil Nadu through SAAPs under NAM. Under NAM, an amount of Rs. 248.97 crore has been released to State Government of Tamil Nadu for different activities from 2014-15 to till date as per proposals received through SAAPs. Further, as per the proposal received from State Government of Tamil Nadu, 13 Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) have been approved in Kallakurichi district.

(c) 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), 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. As per NHM-MIS database as on 30th September, 2024, 475 PHCs, 388 CHCs and 37 DHs have been co-located with Ayush facilities in Tamil Nadu.

(d) & (e) Public Health being State subject, improvement of infrastructure, training and capacity-building for Ayush professionals comes under purview of respective State Government. However, under NAM, there is provision of financial assistance for improvement of infrastructure of Ayush facilities, training and capacity-building for Ayush professionals. State Government may avail eligible financial assistance by submitting the suitable proposals through SAAPs as per the provision of NAM guidelines.
