

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4704**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2025**

**Promotion of Traditional Systems of Medicine**

4704. Shri Saumitra Khan:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps/proposes to take steps to promote traditional systems of medicine and to ensure access to AYUSH health services in rural areas of the country and if so, the details thereof, especially in West Bengal;
- (b) whether the Government is implementing any specific policy for quality control and standardization of AYUSH drugs; and
- (c) 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 the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments and supporting their efforts for development and promotion of traditional systems of medicines for providing better access to Ayush health services in the rural areas of the country including West Bengal by providing financial assistance under different activities as per the provisions of NAM guidelines against the proposals received 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.

Under NAM, total Grant-in-aid of Rs. 4534.28 Crores have been released to different States/UTs for implementation of approved activities of SAAPs from the year 2014-2015 to 2023-2024 and out of that Rs. 212.06 Crores has been released to the State Government of Tamil Nadu.

(b) & (c) Central Government has established Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy, under which respective Pharmacopoeia Committees are working to develop the quality standards of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy drugs. Further, Ministry of Ayush has implemented a Central Sector Scheme Ayush Oushadhi Gunavatta evam Utpadan Samvardhan Yojana (AOGUSY), was approved by Standing Finance Committee (SFC) on 16.03.2021. The total Budget allocation to this scheme is Rs. 122.00 crores for five years. The objectives of the Scheme are as under:

- i. To enhance India's manufacturing capabilities and exports of traditional medicines and health promotion products under the initiative of Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- ii. To facilitate adequate infrastructural & technological upgradation and institutional activities in public and private sector for standardization, quality manufacturing and analytical testing of Ayush drugs & materials.
- iii. To strengthen regulatory frameworks at Central and State level for effective quality control, safety monitoring and surveillance of misleading advertisements of Ayush drugs.

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