

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 719
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2025**

“AYUSH System in Punjab”

719. Shri Charanjit Singh Channi:

Will the Minister of *Ayush* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recognized the low preference for the AYUSH system in Punjab despite high awareness among the public and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any strategies are being implemented to promote the integration of AYUSH practices into mainstream healthcare;
- (c) if so, whether the Government plans to conduct further research or surveys to understand the reasons behind the low utilization of AYUSH services in Punjab;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the specific actions likely to be taken by the Government to address the identified barriers in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) The first exclusive All-India survey on Ayush was conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) during July, 2022 to June, 2023 as part of the National Sample Survey 79th Round. As per factsheet of the survey published by MoSPI, the state-wise figures of preference and awareness among public for the Ayush system is not available, including Punjab. However, it was found that 94.8 percentage of persons are aware of Ayush and 46.3 percentage of persons have used Ayush during last 365 days in rural areas while 96 percentage of persons are aware of Ayush and 52.9 percentage of persons have used Ayush during last 365 days in urban areas.

(b) to (e) Ministry of Ayush is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely National Ayush Mission through State/UT, supporting their efforts to promote the integration of Ayush practices into the mainstream healthcare system. 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 being supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under National Health Mission (NHM), while the support for Ayush infrastructure, equipment/furniture and medicines is being provided by the Ministry of Ayush under National Ayush Mission (NAM), as shared responsibilities. Presently, there is no plan to conduct research or surveys to understand the reasons behind the low utilization of Ayush.
