

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 812
ANSWERED ON 07th February, 2025**

“National Medicinal Plants Board”

812. Dr. T Sumathy *Alias* Thamizhachi Thangapandian:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has sanctioned grant in aid from State Medicinal Plants Board to Tamil Nadu and Puducherry under the National Medicinal Plants Board and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether approval has been accorded for starting new siddha medical college in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Ayush hospitals are not fully functional in Puducherry and Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush under its "Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants" has approved / released Grant-in-Aid for various activities to Tamil Nadu and Puducherry State Medicinal Plants Boards during the last three years. The details is given at **Annexure-1**.

(b): As per the information received from National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) 04 Private and 01 Government new Siddha Medical Colleges has been established in the state of Tamil Nadu during the last three years. The details is given at

Annexure-2. However, from UT of Puducherry no such proposal received in NCISM to establish New Siddha Medical College in last three years.

(c) & (d): Public Health being a State subject, the matter of fully functional Ayush hospital in Puducherry and Tamil Nadu comes under the purview of respective State / UT Governments. Further, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM), as per the proposals received from the State / UT Government of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, Ministry of Ayush has approved 07 Integrated Ayush Hospitals (02 units in Puducherry and 05 units in Tamil Nadu) from the year 2014-15 to 2023-24. Since, implementation of NAM Scheme by the State / UT Governments, the functionality of the approved Integrated Ayush Hospital comes under their purview.

Annexure-1

The detail of Grant-in-Aid Approved / Released from National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush to Tamil Nadu and Puducherry State Medicinal Plants Board during the last three Years

S. No.	Name of State Medicinal Plants Board	Activity	Grant-in-Aid Approved / Released (₹ in Lakhs)		
			2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Tamil Nadu State Medicinal Plants Board	Nucleus Centre Maintenance	34.19	32.00	30.51
		Establishment of Herbal Garden	-	-	15.50
		Information Education Communication (IEC)	-	4.30*	-
2.	Puducherry State Medicinal Plants Board	Nucleus Centre Maintenance	13.60	-	22.80

* Grant-in-Aid Approved

Annexure-2

List of Granted Letter of Permission to Open New Medical Siddha colleges in State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years

S.No	College Id	Name of the College	State	Government / Private
Academic Year 2021-22				
-	-	-	-	-
Academic Year 2022-23				
1	SID0272	National Institute of Siddha, Trichy Hwy, near Government Hospital, Tambaram Sanatoruim, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600047	Tamil Nadu	Government (it is a PG Institute, got approval to start new UG course)
2	SID0754	Annai Medical College of Siddha and Research Centre, Anakudi Road, Kovilacheri Kambakonam, Thanjavur-612503, Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu	Private
3	SID0756	Sir Issac Newton Siddha Medical College, Thandapani Pillai and Sons, Educational and Charitable Trust, Nagapattinam-611 001, Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu	Private
Academic Year 2023-24				
1	SID0755	Sudha Saseendran Siddha Medical College and Hospital, 5/121B, Mecode, Kaliyakkavilai - Post, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu-629153	Tamil Nadu	Private
2	SID0753	Shri Indra Ganesan Institute of Medical Science Siddha Medical College, Main Road NH-45B, Manikandam, Triuchirappalli - 620012, Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu	Private