

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AYUSH**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO- 87**  
**ANSWERED ON 25/07/2025**  
**“AYUSH-based Medical Tourism”**

**\*87. Shri Baijayant Panda:**

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

- (a) whether the recent agreement with World Health Organisation (WHO) on the International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI) is likely to aid AYUSH-based medical tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether similar collaborations such as the recent India-Indonesia partnership on quality assurance in traditional medicine are being explored;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to help States like Odisha leverage this framework including support for AYUSH infrastructure?

**ANSWER**  
**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH**  
**(SH. PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) & (b) An agreement was signed between the Ministry of Ayush and the World Health Organization (WHO) on May 24, 2025 towards developing Traditional Medicine intervention categories and index for the International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI), with a holistic approach and focus on Traditional Medicine systems of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani. The agreement marks the beginning of work on a dedicated Traditional Medicine module under the International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI). This development aligns with India's vision of bringing its rich heritage of traditional wisdom into the global healthcare mainstream, backed by scientific classification and international standards.



This development of Traditional Medicine intervention categories and index for the International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI) ensures global standardization and recognition of Ayush treatments. A new integration of Ayush (AY) Visa for foreign national is also in place. Together these initiatives enhance credibility, accessibility, and integration of Ayush systems into global healthcare and give a boost to the Ayush based medical tourism.

(c) & (d) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Indonesian Food and Drug Authority of the Republic of Indonesia and Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy, Ministry of Ayush of the Republic of India on cooperation in the field of traditional medicine quality assurance was signed and exchanged on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025. As on date, no other collaboration on Traditional Medicine Quality Assurance is under consideration with any country.

(e) Ministry of Ayush is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for overall development, promotion and quality assurance of Ayush system including traditional medicines across the country which also includes States like Odisha. Under NAM, Ministry 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.

Status of assistance provided to State of Odisha through National Ayush Mission(NAM) is attached in Annexure.



**Status of assistance provided to State of Odisha through National Ayush Mission(NAM)**

**1. GIA released and expenditure reported for the years 2014-15 to 2024-25.**

**(Rs. in lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Amount Approved/ Sanctioned /Allocated	Central Share released	Matching State Share released	Expenditure reported by the States/UTs Government		
				Central Share	State share	Total Expenditure
1.	18024.79	11079.39	6945.40	9035.69	5605.55	14641.24

**2. GIA sanctioned for supply of essential medicines to Hospitals & Dispensaries under NAM from 2014-15 to 2024-25**

**(Rs. in lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Hospitals		Dispensaries	
	No. of Units (cumulative)	Amount sanctioned	No. of Units (cumulative)	Amount sanctioned
1.	9	11.25	2302	1073.49

**3. Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs) from 2014-15 to 2024-25**

**(Rs. in lakhs)**

Sl. No.	No. of recurring Units (cumulative)	Amount sanctioned	No. of Non-Recurring Units	Amount sanctioned
1.	4500	2206.66	0	0.00



**4. Co-location of Ayush facilities at Community Health Centres (CHCs) from 2014-15 to 2024-25**

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	No. of recurring Units (cumulative)	Amount sanctioned	No. of Non-Recurring Units	Amount sanctioned
1.	1226	651.63	0	0.00

**5. Co-location of AYUSH facilities at District Hospitals (DHs) from 2014-15 to 2024-25**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	No. of recurring Units (cumulative)	Amount sanctioned	No. of Non-Recurring Units	Amount sanctioned
1.	14	51.00	2	80.00

**6. Upgradation of AYUSH Hospitals & Dispensaries from 2014-15 to 2024-25**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Upgradation of AYUSH Hospitals				Upgradation of AYUSH Dispensaries			
	No. of Recurring Units (Hospitals)	Amt. sanctioned	No. of Non-Recurring Units (Hospitals)	Amt. sanctioned	No. of Recurring Units (Dispensaries)	Amt. sanctioned	No. of Non-Recurring Units (Dispensaries)	Amt. sanctioned
1.	38	190.51	2	85.00	2369	236.90	56	1120.00



**7. Grants approved for setting up of integrated Ayush Hospital from 2014-15 to 2024-25**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Location (District)</b>	<b>System of medicine</b>	<b>No. of Beds</b>	<b>Funds Sanctioned Allocated (Rs. In Lakhs)</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Odisha	Dhenkanal	Ayurveda, Homoeopathy and Yoga & Naturopathy	50	800.00	Construction Completed
		Behrampur	Ayurveda, Homoeopathy and Yoga & Naturopathy	50	800.00	Under Construction
		Balasore	Ayurveda, Homoeopathy and Yoga & Naturopathy	50	400.00	Under Construction

**8. Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) approved and No. of AAM (Ayush) functional**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Approved AAM (Ayush)</b>	<b>Functional AAM (Ayush)</b>
1	422	422

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