

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3437
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2025**

Impact of AYUSH Schemes on SC/ST/OBC Beneficiaries

3437. Adv. Chandra Shekhar:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of data maintained by the Government regarding the outcomes of AYUSH schemes for SC/ST/OBC groups specifically in terms of disease burden and healthcare accessibility;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans for systematic studies, impact assessments or third-party evaluations in order to further improve the effectiveness of these initiatives for SC/ST/OBC beneficiaries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) Ministry of Ayush is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme i.e. National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for entire population of the country including SC/ST/OBC groups. Under NAM, there is separate budget heads to release Grant-in-aid under SCSP and TSP categories. However, to avail the grants, suitable proposals are required to be submitted by the State/UT Governments through State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per the provisions of NAM guideline. Details of major provisions under NAM are enclosed as **Annexure-I**. Public Health being a State Subject, the primary responsibility regarding implementation of the scheme including maintenance of data & enhancing Ayush health care accessibility comes under the purview of respective State Government.

(b) & (c) Further, in order to improve the effectiveness of various initiatives under NAM scheme for the benefit of entire population of the country including SC/ST/OBC beneficiaries, field visits by the Central team, one to one meetings, Regional Review Meetings are also carried out apart from third party evaluations and NABH assessment. It has been observed by visiting teams that footfall of the beneficiaries visiting to Ayush facilities including AAM (Ayush) has been subsequently increased after Strengthening & upgradation of these facilities. In case of AAM (Ayush) substantial increase in the footfall of patients has been observed because, in addition to OPD services, these facilities are also providing

various other services like Prakriti Parikshan, Yoga related activities at the level of facility as well as community, awareness about uses of common medicinal plants etc. Further, State/UT Governments have been suggested by the visiting team for appropriate training & capacity building of AAM (Ayush) team, strengthening of referral linkages with other public health facilities, effective involvement of field level workers specially ASHAs etc. for better outcome of the activities being conducted through different Health facilities including AAM (Ayush).

The National Ayush Mission (NAM) has provision for following major activities:

- (i) Operationalization of Ayush Health & Wellness Centres (AHWCs), 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.
- (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.
