

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 959
ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2025**

“Promotion of AYUSH”

†959. Shri Balwant Baswant Wankhade:

Will the Minister of Ayush be pleased to state:

- (a) whether adequate steps have been taken by the Government to promote and popularize AYUSH including Unani system of medicine and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the alleged use of heavy metals in Ayurveda and other AYUSH products/medicines;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) the details of Unani hospitals and medical centres currently functioning in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to open more such hospitals/centres in the country particularly in Delhi and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Ministry implements the Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for Promotion of Information Education and Communication (IEC) in Ayush to create awareness regarding Ayush system of medicine including Unani system of medicine. This aims to reach out to all sections of the population across the country. This scheme provides assistance for organizing National/State Arogya Fairs, Yoga Fests/Utsavs, Ayurveda Parvs, etc. The Ministry also undertakes Multi-Media, Print Media Campaigns for creating awareness about Ayush system of medicine.

The Ministry of Ayush also evolved the Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for Promotion of International Cooperation for Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy (Ayush) (IC Scheme). Under this scheme the Ministry provides support to Indian Ayush drug Manufacturers/ Ayush Service providers to give boost to the export of Ayush products and services; facilitates the International promotion, development and recognition of Ayush system of medicine; foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of Ayush at international level; promote academics and research through the establishment of Ayush Academic Chairs in foreign countries and holding training workshop/symposiums for promoting and strengthening awareness and interest about Ayush system of medicine at international level including Ayurveda.

Under the CSS IC Scheme, 25 Country to Country MoUs, 15 Ayush Chair MoUs and 52 Institute to Institute level MoUs have been signed.

Further, in order to promote Ayush including Unani system of medicine, Ministry of Ayush has established 05 Research Councils and 12 National Institutes, as per details at Annexure-I. These institutions alongwith its peripheral institutes/units/centres are providing treatment through General Outpatient Department (OPD), Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) OPD, Geriatric OPD, Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Clinic etc. and also engaged in awareness activities to promote Ayush including Unani system of medicine through Arogyas, Health Melas, Health Camps, Exhibitions and School Health Programme etc. in different parts of the Country. Apart from these, they also publish journals/bulletins which are available electronically in the public domain for dissemination of the information among the public pertaining to Ayush system of medicine and imparting education in Ayush system of medicine at Under-Graduate (UG), Post-Graduate (PG) and Ph. D level.

Ministry of Ayush is also implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through States/UTs for development and promotion of Ayush including Unani system of medicine in the country and Grant-in Aid is provided to State/UT Governments as per the proposals submitted through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs).

(b) & (c) Ministry of Ayush has established Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H), as its subordinate office. PCIM&H lays down the Formulary Specifications and Pharmacopoeial Standards for Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani & Homoeopathic (ASU&H) drugs, which serve as official compendia for ascertaining the Quality Control (identity, purity and strength) of the ASU&H drugs, included therein, as per Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules 1945, thereunder. The quality standards of ASU&H drugs also prescribing the permissible limits of Heavy Metals as per World Health Organization (WHO) guideline. Compliance to these quality standards is mandatory for the production of ASU&H drug being manufactured, sell and stocked in India. Implementation of these Pharmacopoeial standards ensures that the medicines conform to optimum quality standards in terms of identity, purity, strength.

(d) 267 Unani hospitals and 1874 Unani dispensaries are functioning in the Country. The details are at Annexure-II.

(e) Public Health being a State subject, establishment of Ayush hospitals and dispensaries including Unani in the country including Delhi comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments. However, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM), there are provisions of financial assistance to States/UTs for establishment of new integrated Ayush hospitals and new Ayush dispensaries in the area where there are no Ayush facilities available. State/UT Governments may avail eligible financial assistance by submitting suitable proposals through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per the provisions of NAM guidelines.

**Details of Research Councils and National Institutes
Functioning under the Ministry of Ayush**

Research Councils:

Sl. No.	Name of Research Council
1	Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)
2	Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN)
3	Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM)
4	Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS)
5	Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH)

National Institutes:

Sl. No.	Name of Institute
1	National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jaipur• Panchkula (Satellite Centre)
2	All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Delhi• Goa (Satellite Centre)
3	Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth (RAV), Delhi
4	Institute of Teaching & Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar
5	Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), New Delhi
6	National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN), Pune
7	National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bengaluru• Ghaziabad (Satellite Centre)
8	National Institute of Siddha (NIS), Chennai
9	National Institute of Homoeopathy (NIH) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kolkata• Narela (Satellite Centre)
10	National Institute of Sowa Rigpa (NISR), Leh
11	North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Homoeopathy (NEIAH), Shillong
12	North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Folk Medicine Research (NEIAFMR), Pasighat

Annexure-II**State wise number of Unani Hospitals and Dispensaries as on 01.04.2023**

S.No.	State / UT	Unani	
		No. of Hospitals	No. of Dispensaries
(A) States/Union Territories			
1	Andhra Pradesh	2	92
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	1
3	Assam	0	0
4	Bihar	1	333
5	Chhattisgarh	1	26
6	Delhi	2	25
7	Goa	0	0
8	Gujarat	0	0
9	Haryana	1	23
10	Himachal Pradesh	0	3
11	Jammu & Kashmir	6	267
12	Jharkhand	0	147
13	Karnataka	25	89
14	Kerala	0	16
15	Madhya Pradesh	4	64
16	Maharashtra	7	24
17	Manipur	5	0
18	Meghalaya	0	0
19	Mizoram	0	0
20	Nagaland	0	0
21	Odisha	0	9
22	Punjab	1	34
23	Rajasthan	11	341
24	Sikkim	0	0
25	Tamil Nadu	1	65
26	Tripura	0	0
27	Uttar Pradesh	183	73
28	Uttarakhand	3	2
29	West Bengal	1	6
30	A&N Island	0	0
31	Chandigarh	0	2
32	D&N Haveli and Daman & Diu	0	0
33	Ladakh	0	8
34	Lakshadweep	0	0
35	Puducherry	0	0
36	Telangana	3	184
TOTAL(A)		257	1834
(B) CGHS & Central Government Organizations		10	40
TOTAL(A+B)		267	1874