GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AYUSH LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1044 ANSWERED ON 05.12.2025

AYUSH Facilities in Tamil Nadu

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new AYUSH facilities established under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) in Tamil Nadu, especially in Kallakurichi Lok Sabha Constituency during the last three years;
- (b) the initiatives taken by the Government to upgrade existing AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries to provide quality healthcare in State, especially in Kallakurichi Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to train AYUSH personnel and strengthen human resources in the State, especially in Kallakurichi Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (d) the measures implemented by the Government to monitor service delivery, treatment outcomes and patient satisfaction under National AYUSH Mission (NAM); and
- (e) the efforts made by the Government to promote awareness and integration of AYUSH healthcare in the mainstream public health system in Tamil Nadu?

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

- (a) Under National AYUSH Mission (NAM), as reported by the State Government of Tamil Nadu, they have established 65 Co-located ISM Wings in different Districts including 02 units in Kallakurichi District and 400 Dispensaries have also been upgraded as Ayushman Aarogya Mandir (Ayush) including 10 Kallakurichi District during the last three years.
- (b). Public health being a State subject, the primary responsibility of upgradation of existing Ayush hospitals and dispensaries comes under the purview of respective State Government. However, under NAM, there is provision of financial assistance for upgradation of Ayush hospitals & dispensaries and accordingly, State Govt. may avail financial assistance by submitting suitable proposals through State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per their felt need within the existing provision of NAM guideline.
- (c) As reported by State Government of Tamil Nadu, specific initiatives have been undertaken to strengthen Ayush human resources in the Kallakurichi Lok Sabha Constituency. During 2024–2025, comprehensive training programmes were conducted for all Ayush Medical Officers at Chengalpattu, covering key thematic and clinical areas. Further, specialized Training on Musculoskeletal disorders for all Siddha Medical Officers in Villupuram and Kallakuruchi districts was conducted in May 2025, aimed at improving skills on diagnosis, management, and delivery of VARMAM therapies.

- (d) Under NAM, the Government monitors service delivery, treatment outcomes and patient satisfaction through periodic reporting by Ayush health facilities, review meetings at State and District levels, field inspections, and assessments conducted by monitoring teams. Patient feedback mechanisms, data reporting through designated portals (AAM Portal), and regular evaluation of programme indicators are also undertaken to ensure quality and effectiveness of Ayush services.
- (e) 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) for integration of Ayush healthcare in the mainstream public health system, 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.

Ministry of Ayush is implementing a Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) in Ayush to create awareness regarding Ayush Systems of Medicine. This scheme aims to reach out to all sections of the population across the country and under this Scheme, Ministry organizes National/State level Arogya Fairs, Yoga Fests/Utsavs, Ayurveda Parvs, Celebrate Important Days of Ayush Systems including Ayurveda day, Participate in Health Fairs/ Melas & Exhibitions, provide financial assistance for organizing seminars, workshops, conferences and conduct multimedia campaigns etc.

State Government also reported that awareness on Ayush system is promoted through regular IEC activities. School Health Programmes, community awareness camps and outreach activities are conducted by Assistant Medical Officers, Community Health Officers and District Siddha Medical Officers to educate school students and the general public on Ayush practices and healthy living under Ayush Health care system.
