

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1342
ANSWERED ON 06.02.2026**

AYUSH POPDs in West Bengal

1342. Shri Jyotirmay Singh Mahato:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the Paediatric Outpatient Department (POPD) proposed by the Government in Purulia district of West Bengal including the details of approvals, land availability;
- (b) whether any delay has occurred due to pending actions by the State Government of West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of AYUSH POPDs currently operational in West Bengal, district-wise, along with information on their staffing and service delivery capacity;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of POPDs in tribal-dominated districts of Janglemahal such as Purulia, Jhargram, Bankura, Medinipur etc. considering the high child population and limited paediatric healthcare access and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the State Government has submitted proposals for establishing additional POPDs in West Bengal and if delays or non-submission of proposal have affected expansion and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the funds allocated and utilized for POPD development in West Bengal including the current status of utilization with respect to the proposed Purulia POPD?

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

(a) to (f) State Government of West Bengal reported that presently no such Paediatric Outpatient Department (POPD) was proposed under National Ayush Mission and no such Ayush POPD is available under State Government.
