

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2522  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026**

**“Scholarships for Promotion of Ayurveda”**

† 2522. **Shri Haribhai Patel:**

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides any monthly scholarship to encourage students to promote Ayurveda in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the data with regard to Ayurveda institutions has been collected in the States selected by the Government, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has data with regard to the students who are being provided such scholarships;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) whether SPARC programme is also being run by the Government and if so, the details thereof along with the main objective of the said programme?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) At present, Ministry of Ayush is not providing such monthly scholarship to encourage students to promote Ayurveda in the country. However, the Ministry is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for development & promotion of Ayush System in the country and providing financial assistance to them as per the proposal received in their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). State/UT Governments may avail financial assistance by submitting proposals through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per NAM guidelines.

Further, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) implements several capacity-building initiatives for research in Ayurveda, such as Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken (SPARK) for undergraduate students and Scheme for Training in Ayurveda Research for Post Graduate Scholars (PG STAR) for postgraduate students. In addition, fellowship programs, including PhD and Post-Doctoral Fellowships (PDF) are coordinated to provide sustained support for advanced research. North-Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Homoeopathy (NEIAH) also encourages to apply for financial support through National Scholarship Portal under various schemes of the respective states.

- (e) The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has initiated the Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken (SPARK) to promote interest and aptitude for research among Ayurveda undergraduates. The main objective of this program is to provide an opportunity to undergraduate Ayurveda students to familiarize themselves with research methodology and techniques undertaking short-duration independent projects. This may inculcate research aptitude among them and also serve as an incentive for them to take up research as a career in the future. The State-wise list of Ayurveda Colleges benefitted under SPARK is attached at **Annexure-I**.

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State-wise list of Ayurveda Colleges benefitted under SPARK during (2022-2023, 2023-2024 & 2024-2025)

Sl. No.	Name of the states	No. of Ayurveda Colleges benefitted under SPRAK – 1.0 (2022-2023)	No. of Ayurveda Colleges benefitted under SPRAK – 2.0 (2023-2024)	No. of Ayurveda Colleges benefitted under SPRAK – 3.0 (2024-2025)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	01	01	01
2.	Chhattisgarh	01	01	03
3.	Gujarat	06	08	16
4.	Haryana	03	01	05
5.	Karnataka	14	26	38
6.	Kerala	07	07	09
7.	Madhya Pradesh	04	06	09
8.	Maharashtra	06	17	23
9.	Meghalaya	01	01	01
10.	New Delhi	01	02	02
11.	Odisha	02	03	02
12.	Puducherry	01	01	01
13.	Punjab	02	01	03
14.	Rajasthan	01	03	04
15.	Tamil Nadu	01	02	03
16.	Telangana	01	-	01
17.	Uttar Pradesh	02	05	15
18.	Uttarakhand	01	03	05
19.	West Bengal	01	01	01
20.	Goa	-	01	01
	<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>143</b>

Note: - Total Number of SPARK Awardees in SPARK -1, 2 and 3 are 95, 198 and 298 respectively.

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