

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4744
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th MARCH, 2026

Siddha Practitioners

4744. Dr. Gumma Thanuja Rani:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the number of Siddha practitioners in India, including the number that can successfully teach this system of medicine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to develop capabilities to practice Siddha medicine among the youth; and
- (d) the details of the budgetary allocation for raising awareness about this traditional system of medicine?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) All Siddha practitioners are required to be registered in the State Register and the National Register maintained by the concerned State/ Union Territory Boards/Councils and the Board of Ethics and Registration for Indian System of Medicine (BERISM) under National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) respectively. Total 8570 Siddha practitioners have been registered in the National Register maintained by NCISM. The NCISM (Minimum Essential Standards for Undergraduate Siddha Education) Regulations, 2022 prescribes the specific qualifications (post-graduation in relevant Siddha specialties) and experiences that are mandatory for faculty appointments. There are currently 17 permitted Siddha Medical Colleges providing undergraduate (BSMS) and postgraduate (MD Siddha) education. NCISM continues to monitor and regulate the faculty data through the Online Teacher Management System (OTMS) to ensure transparency and maintain the quality of Siddha education in India. Currently, 924 number of Siddha faculties have been enrolled on OTMS.

(c) National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) through its regulations mandates for fully functional attached teaching hospital to all Siddha institutions with the purpose of providing adequate clinical training to the students and thereby develops capabilities to practice Siddha system of medicine. Also, Ministry of Ayush through Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) organizes various academic, training and capacity-building

programmes to facilitate exposure to Siddha principles, clinical practices, research methodology thereby encouraging young practitioners to actively engage in Siddha practice.

(d) Ministry of Ayush implements the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Scheme to promote awareness, adoption, and integration of Ayush systems including Siddha in preventive healthcare. Under IEC scheme, there is no separate budgetary allocation for Siddha System of medicine, however Ministry successfully organized Siddha Day 2024 in Chennai with a budget of Rs.93,71,615/- to enhance public outreach. National-level Arogya Fairs are also held, with participation from institutions like the National Institute of Siddha and the Central Council for Research in Siddha offering free health check-ups, medicines, and information on Siddha therapies. Further, Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) has spent an amount of Rs.1.35 crore for raising awareness about Siddha System of Medicine in the previous financial year i.e. 2025-26. Moreover, National Institute of Siddha (NIS) conducts awareness activities from their Grant-in-aid allocated under General head.
