

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1068

TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2026

Promotion of Traditional Medicine Systems under NAM

1068. Shri Raju Bista:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of funds allocated, released and utilised for the promotion of traditional medicine systems under the National AYUSH Mission (NAM) during the last five years in the district of North Bengal;
- (b) the operational status and district-wise distribution of AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres (AHWCs) in West Bengal; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to address infrastructural bottlenecks in the hilly areas of Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts of West Bengal?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) Under National Ayush Mission (NAM), as per the proposals received from the State through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs), an amount of Rs. 9997.86 lakhs has been allocated/ released as Central Share to State of West Bengal for the promotion of traditional medicine systems during the last five years. The State Government has reported an expenditure of Rs. 9009.68 lakh against this allocation. However, under NAM there is no provision for district-wise fund allocation.

(b) As per the proposals received through SAAPs, 540 units of Ayush Health & Wellness Centres (AHWCs) now renamed as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) [AAM (Ayush)] have been operationalised in West Bengal. The operational status and district-wise distribution of AAM (Ayush) in West Bengal is enclosed as **Annexure**.

(c) Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to address infrastructural bottlenecks in the hilly areas including Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts of West Bengal comes under the purview of respective State Government. As reported by State Government of West Bengal, enhanced funds for infrastructural developments in the Hilly Terrain of these districts are being provided from NAM fund and any shortfall in funds is supplemented through allocations from the State Budget of West Bengal Government.

Further, 27 AAM (Ayush) are functional in Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts and providing holistic health care to the community based on Ayush principles & practises. As reported by State, Ayush Public Health Programme namely National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) has already been made functional and 07 such centres are located at Darjeeling District co-located at Darjeeling District Hospital, Bijanbari Rural Hospital (RH), Mirik Block Primary Health Centre (BPHC), Sukna BPHC, Kharibari R H, Nakshalbari RH & Phansidewoa RH.

Annexure

Operational status and district-wise distribution of AAM (Ayush) Units in West Bengal

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of AAM (Ayush)	Operational Status
1	Alipurduar	15	Functional
2	Bankura	20	Functional
3	Bishnupur HD	11	Functional
4	Birbhum	29	Functional
5	Rampurhat HD	12	Functional
6	Cooch Behar	30	Functional
7	Dakshin Dinajpur	15	Functional
8	Darjeeling	21	Functional
9	Hooghly	40	Functional
10	Howrah	34	Functional
11	Jalpaiguri	21	Functional
12	Jhargram	10	Functional
13	Kalimpong	6	Functional
14	Malda	34	Functional
15	Murshidabad	35	Functional
16	Nadia	31	Functional
17	North 24 Parganas	8	Functional
18	Basirhat HD	7	Functional
19	Paschim Bardhaman	14	Functional
20	Paschim Medinipur	21	Functional
21	PurbaBardhaman	30	Functional
22	PurbaMedinipur	17	Functional
23	Nandigram HD	6	Functional
24	Purulia	41	Functional
25	South 24 Parganas	11	Functional
26	Diamond Harbour HD	8	Functional
27	Uttar Dinajpur	13	Functional
Total		540	