

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1413  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023**

**PROMOTION OF YOGA**

**1413. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:**

Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to constitute a National Board for Promotion and Development of Yoga on the recommendations of the Task Force constituted for promotion of AYUSH system in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of other such measures taken/ being taken to promote AYUSH System in the country?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF AYUSH  
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

**(a) & (b):** Ministry of Ayush has already constituted a National Board for Promotion and Development of Yoga and Naturopathy (NBPDYN) under the Chairmanship of Minister in-charge of Ayush with Secretary (Ayush) as Vice-Chairperson and 8 other official members and 10 non-official members (5 each from Yoga and Naturopathy field respectively).

Aims and objectives of the said Board are given below:-

1. To enhance the quality of Yoga & Naturopathy Education, Training, Therapy and Research;
2. To develop Human Resource in Yoga & Naturopathy;
3. To develop standards for Yoga & Naturopathy training and practices for voluntary adoption;
4. To promote an accreditation framework relating to Yoga and Naturopathy for voluntary implementation by institutions including drafting of curriculum & syllabus for various degrees, diplomas and programs;
5. To promote & propagate Yoga & Naturopathy at International level;
6. To develop methods of competence, and evaluation of Yoga & Naturopathy practitioners;
7. Any other item relating to development & promotion of Yoga & Naturopathy.

**(c):** Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

**(d):** Ministry of Ayush and its Autonomous Bodies are promoting various Ayush systems through diverse programs and activities. The Ministry implements the Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information Education and Communication (IEC) in AYUSH to create awareness regarding AYUSH Systems of Medicine. This aims to reach out to all sections of the population across the country. This scheme provides assistance for organizing National/State Arogya Fairs, Yoga Fests/Utsavs, Ayurveda Parvs etc. The Ministry also undertakes Multi-Media, Print Media Campaigns for creating awareness about AYUSH Systems.

Ministry is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for development & promotion of different Ayush systems in the country and providing financial assistance to them as per the proposals 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. Under National Ayush Mission (NAM), Ministry of Ayush is implementing the operationalization of 12,500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) through State/UT Governments. Ministry of Ayush has also constituted a Naturopathy Registration Board (NRB) and a Yoga Certification Board (YCB) for promotion and development of Yoga and Naturopathy systems.

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