

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.-3984
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24/03/2023**

ASTROLOGY IN BAMS CURRICULUM

3984 #ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

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

- (a) whether the Government intends to enhance the higher education opportunities for AYUSH professionals in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is true that the National Council for Indian Systems of Medicine (NCISM) has introduced Astrology as an optional subject in Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) programme in the country which is against scientific rationale;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the State-wise number of students enrolled for said subject in the country; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to issue urgent instructions to the NCISM for the withdrawal of Astrology as a subject in BAMS for upholding the principle of scientific temper enshrined in the Constitution and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

- (a) As per the Second Schedule of allocation of Union Business, the Ministry of Ayush has a mandate for Education, Training and Research in all aspects of Indian Systems of Medicine including Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy. In last Seven years (from A.Y. 2016-17 to 2022-23), the number of Postgraduate seats increase from 4007 to 4786 in Ayurveda, from 202 to 404 in Unani, from 140 to 167 in Siddha and from 1134 to 1594 in Homoeopathy. This increase in the number of AYUSH PG Seats, improves the higher education opportunities for AYUSH professionals in the Country.
- (b) & (c) Yes, Medical Astrology has been introduced as elective course (online) in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Sowa-Rigpa curriculum. The details of state-wise enrolled students has placed at **Annexure-I**.
- (d) At present no such proposal is under consideration to issue urgent instructions to the NCISM for the withdrawal of Astrology as elective course (online).

Number of students enrolled for Medical Astrology as elective course (online)

Sl. No.	State	Count of Students
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1
2.	Bihar	12
3.	Chandigarh	6
4.	Chhattisgarh	11
5.	Delhi	8
6.	Goa	5
7.	Gujarat	56
8.	Haryana	18
9.	Himachal Pradesh	10
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	4
11.	Jharkhand	2
12.	Karnataka	138
13.	Kerala	20
14.	Madhya Pradesh	45
15.	Maharashtra	152
16.	Odisha	13
17.	Puducherry	2
18.	Punjab	13
19.	Rajasthan	21
20.	Tamil Nadu	35
21.	Telangana	1
22.	Uttar Pradesh	78
23.	Uttarakhand	17
24.	West Bengal	3
Grand Total		671