

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2684
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH AUGUST, 2023**

PROMOTION OF SIDDHA SYSTEM OF MEDICINES

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

- (a) whether the Siddha system of medicines is being properly promoted in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether several posts of Siddha doctors are lying vacant in various States and Union Territories and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the funds allocated by the Government since 2014, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;
- (e) whether the Government has any plan to construct a Siddha hospital in Karur, Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of the funds allocated under different branches/schemes, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Ayush has established Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and National Institute of Siddha (NIS), Chennai to promote Siddha system of medicine in the Country. Ministry of Ayush observes the 'Siddha Day' every year through CCRS & NIS, with the aim to promote Siddha System of Medicine has been disseminated to the Siddha fraternities, Non-Siddha scientists and the public by organizing numerous scientific conferences / workshops, Health care awareness campaigns, Scientific competitions among the students etc.

National Institute of Siddha (NIS) is promoting Siddha System of medicine by conducting UG course, PG course and Ph.D course in Siddha and also by providing treatment in Siddha System of medicine to the patients reporting to the attached hospital. The Institute also participates in various programmes like Arogya Fair etc., to promote Siddha system of medicine. The Institute

also harnesses the social media and virtual media for effective propagation of Siddha System of medicine.

Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) is an apex body for conducting research in Siddha system of medicine and provides health care facilities for various diseases through its nine (9) peripheral institutes / units of CCRS. Steps taken to promote Siddha system of medicine through CCRS are as follows:

- The research programme of CCRS mainly focuses on clinical research including safety and efficacy studies of Siddha drugs, validation of the fundamental principles, drug standardization and quality control, survey and cultivation of medicinal plants and literary research.
- Specialized treatments are being provided to the public through Non- communicable diseases OPD, Geriatric OPD, Reproductive and Child health care OPD, Varmam, Thokkanam, Bone setting and Yogam OPD.
- Health awareness campaigns related to various diseases are being conducted at all institutes / units for the beneficiary of the public.
- *Siddhar Kaayakalpam, Siddhar Yogam*, external therapies like Varmam, *Thokkanam* and *Pura maruthuvam* are the strength of Siddha system for prevention, management and treatment of incurable diseases along with internal medications.
- The traditional medicine system of Siddha has been utilized as preventive and management perspective for COVID -19. Siddha drugs are being used in the prevention and treatment of COVID- 19. CCRS have undertaken various studies with the above-mentioned Siddha formulations.
- Integrated Siddha cancer OPD has been successfully functioning at All India Institute of Ayurveda campus aiding the Palliative care of cancer patients through Siddha system.
- Swasthya Rakshan programme (SRP) has been executed through 7 CCRS Institutes / Units in 3 states and 2 union territories. Thirteen villages are covered.
- In Arogya Melas / exhibition, IEC materials are being distributed related to various disease conditions and its management through Siddha system of medicine.
- CCRS has initiated many programmes for popularizing the Siddha system among the public through social media like Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, print media in national newspapers, audio jingles and video documentary films.
- CCRS has been actively conducting various seminar/workshops/conference to disseminate the Siddha system of medicine for the beneficial of the public.

(c): No, Sir, Most of the posts of Siddha doctors in the organizations (CCRS & NIS) under the Ministry of Ayush are filled.

(d): Funds are not allocated to State/UT-wise by this Ministry. However, funds allocated to CCRS & NIS is given at Annexure - I:

(e): No such proposal is under consideration of this Ministry

(f): The details of the funds allocated under National Ayush Mission (NAM) Scheme of this Ministry to the State/UT including Tamil Nadu for the promotion of Ayush system of Medicines including Siddha is given at Annexure -II:

Annexure – I**Funds allocated to CCRS & NIS by this Ministry:**

S.No	Financial Year	(Amount in Crores)		
		CCRS	NIS	Total
1	2014-15	24.01	23.00	47.01
2	2015-16	19.6	26.00	45.60
3	2016-17	17.35	25.00	42.35
4	2017-18	24.38	28.84	53.22
5	2018-19	29.94	35.50	65.44
6	2019-20	31.96	50.56	82.52
7	2020-21	34.99	47.58	82.57
8	2021-22	38.82	44.76	83.58
9	2022-23	46.88	59.01	105.89
10	2023-24	51.36	94.94	146.30
	Total	319.29	434.99	754.28

Annexure –II

Details of the funds allocated under National Ayush Mission (NAM) Scheme of this Ministry to the State/UT including Tamil Nadu for the promotion of Ayush system of Medicines including Siddha:

S. No.	Name of States/UTs	Central share released from 2014-15 to 2022-23 (Rs. In Crore)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	22.22
2	Andhra Pradesh	75.78
3	Arunachal Pradesh	38.32
4	Assam	104.4
5	Bihar	69.31
6	Chandigarh	15.33
7	Chhattisgarh	85.9
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	4.84
9	Delhi	7.26
10	Goa	16.97
11	Gujarat	105.43
12	Haryana	110.79
13	Himachal Pradesh	113.38
14	Jammu & Kashmir	143.19
15	Jharkhand	112.57
16	Karnataka	154.21
17	Kerala	165.45
18	Ladakh	2.6
19	Lakshadweep	13.89
20	Madhya Pradesh	268.93
21	Maharashtra	84.4
22	Manipur	82.28
23	Meghalaya	40.54
24	Mizoram	37.76
25	Nagaland	68.81
26	Odisha	87.1
27	Puducherry	21.7
28	Punjab	50.92
29	Rajasthan	230.51
30	Sikkim	34.05
31	Tamil Nadu	145.71
32	Telangana	85.64
33	Tripura	43.48
34	Uttar Pradesh	776.85
35	Uttarakhand	117.3
36	West Bengal	129.13
	Total	3666.95