

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:63
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2013
UNANI MEDICINE
Ajmal Shri Badruddin

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Unani hospitals in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received proposals from various States for opening of Unani hospitals in their States including at Dhubri in Assam;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/proposed by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether a number of these proposals are pending for approval and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the time by which these pending proposals are likely to be decided; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to popularise Unani System of medicine?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.63 FOR 1st MARCH, 2013

(a) As on 1.1.2012, the State/UT-wise number of Unani hospitals in the country, based on the information received from the State/UT Governments and other agencies, is at ANNEXURE-I.

(b) As Health is a State subject, opening or setting up of Hospitals including Unani Hospitals in the State/UT lies within the purview of the respective State/UT Government. However, Department of AYUSH operates a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Development for AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries with the following components, in which financial assistance is being provided to the States/UT for AYUSH Hospitals including Unani Hospitals subject to the submission of the eligible proposals within the allocated resource pool for the state, commitment for matching state share as per the scheme guidelines and clearance of pending Utilization Certificates (UCs) :-

(i) Upgradation of existing exclusive AYUSH Hospitals including Unani Hospitals,

(ii) Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres and District Hospitals,

(iii) Setting up of a 50 bedded/10 bedded Integrated AYUSH Hospital one each in the North Eastern states and in the hilly states of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jammu & Kashmir. No proposal for opening of a Unani Hospital in Assam including Dhubri has been received from the State Government of Assam.

(c) The details of the proposals for setting up of 50/10 bedded Integrated AYUSH Hospitals received from the State Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Development for AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries and financial assistance provided is at ANNEXURE-II. Further, the details of the proposals received from State Governments for Up-gradation of AYUSH Hospitals including Unani Hospitals and the action taken by the Government thereon during each of the last two years and the current financial year, State/UT-wise is at ANNEXURE – III (a), III (b) and III (c) for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively.

(d) No eligible proposal is pending for approval at Department of AYUSH. Those proposals which met the eligibility criteria of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Hospitals and Dispensaries have been considered and approved. Since some of the States have not fulfilled the eligibility criteria, funds have not been released in respect of those proposals received during 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13, as detailed in ANNEXURE – III (a), III (b) and III (c) respectively.

(e) The steps taken by Government of India to popularise Unani System of Medicine in the fields of Education, Research, and delivery of Health Services is at ANNEXURE-IV.