

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

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FUNDS FOR AYUSH SYSTEM OF MEDICINES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total budgetary allocations made by the Union Government for the Ayurveda, Yoga-Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) systems of medicines in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the funds earmarked and allocated to the States/UTs for the promotion and development of AYUSH system of medicines during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Department of AYUSH and also certain States/UTs have not fully utilised the funds allocated for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the corrective measures taken/proposed by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed by the Government for the promotion and development of AYUSH systems of medicines including setting up of a Technology Assessment Board for AYUSH hospitals and OPDs throughout the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. SANTOSH CHOWDHARY)

- (a) The budgetary allocations under Plan and Non-Plan for the AYUSH systems of medicines in the country during each of the last three years and the current year are as follows :-

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
2010-11	800	164	964
2011-12	900	188	1088
2012-13	990	188	1178
2013-14	1069	190	1259

- (b) to (d) Statements showing State/UT wise details of the grants released and utilized during the last three years and the current year are enclosed as Annexure-IA, IB, IC and ID.

The Budget Estimate, Revised Estimate and Actual Expenditure of the Department of AYUSH under Plan have been given at Annexure II. State/UT wise and Year-wise expenditure and unspent balance are available in the Annexure-IA, IB, IC and ID.

The main reasons for less utilization of grants released under the various schemes are as follows:-

- (i) Unspent balance available with the States from grants released during the preceding years;
- (ii) Non-submission of Utilization Certificates in time;
- (iii) Non-receipt of adequate proposal fulfilling the eligibility criteria under various schemes; and
- (iv) Release of fund being made more stringent by making release of grants conditional to liquidating outstanding Utilization Certificates by the grantee organization not only in respect of other schemes of the same Department but also in respect of Schemes of the other Departments of the same Ministry.

As pending Utilization Certificates is one of the most important factors for not releasing grants /funds under these Centrally Sponsored Schemes, the following important corrective steps have been taken:-

- i) Department has conducted meetings of all State / UT Health Secretaries under the Chairmanship of Secretary, AYUSH in September, 2012; March, 2013; July, 2013; September, 2013 and November, 2013.
- ii) Department has nominated nodal officers for the States / UTs for regular monitoring of liquidation of pending UCs with the

concerned States Secretaries / Commissioners.

As a result of these steps, the Department has been able to bring about a substantial improvement in liquidating the pending Utilization Certificates.

(e) The following Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented for the promotion and development of AYUSH systems of medicines:-

(i) Hospitals & Dispensaries;

(ii) Development of AYUSH Institutions;

(iii) Drugs Quality Control; and

(iv) National Mission of Medicinal Plants.

In addition, the Department has established five Research Councils to undertake research in the fields of Ayurveda, Yoga-Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy. Further, National Institute for each system has been setup in different parts of the country to develop high standard of teaching, training and research in the different systems of medicines. The Department has not set up any Technology Assessment Board for AYUSH hospitals and OPDs. However, under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the Development of AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries provision has been kept for financial Assistance for Upgradation of AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries as well as Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres and District Hospitals. Further, Department is implementing IEC (Information, Education and Communication) Scheme. Under the scheme, the Department organizes Arogya Fairs at National and State Level. During the fairs folders, booklet and leaflets and other publicity materials published by the Department are distributed to the public for enhancing their awareness. To reach to every nook and corner of the Country and to the maximum number of people, the Department carries out publicity by telecasting / broadcasting, films / video spots / audio spots and gives advertisements in the print media for highlighting the strength of AYUSH systems of medicines. Multimedia Campaigns like publicity over Delhi Metro, bus shelters, hoardings, front lit panels, entry tickets during India International Trade Fair have been undertaken for promotion of AYUSH Systems of medicines.