

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH)
LOK SABHA**

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Yoga Instructors

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Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of trained yoga instructors/professionals working at present in the country, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to appoint more trained yoga instructors/ professionals in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria for the appointment/ selection of such yoga professionals along with the remunerations likely to be made to them;
- (d) the manner in which the Government proposes to monitor the working of these Yoga instructors/professionals; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to obtain the periodic efficiency report of these Yoga instructors/professionals and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a): A list of States/UTs having registered Yoga & Naturopathy practioners is at Annexure. Details of Yoga instructors are, however, not maintained by the State/ UT Governments.

(b) to (e): Those possessing Bachelor Degree in Naturopathy and Yoga Sciences (BNYS) from a recognized university are eligible to be registered as doctors in Naturopathy and Yoga Sciences. Those, who have studied any degree/ diploma such as B.A./ B.Sc./ M.A./ M.Sc., Diploma/ Certificate courses in Yoga normally work as Yoga Teacher/ Instructor/ Therapist. Trained Yoga instructors/ professionals will be appointed, as and when, required. Remuneration will be paid at par with the identical posts.

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Further, Ministry of AYUSH has recently initiated a Scheme for Voluntary Certification of Yoga Professionals. First phase of the Scheme to certify Yoga teachers was launched on June 22, 2015. The Scheme is being operated by the Quality Council of India (QCI), an apex quality facilitation and accreditation body, under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

A Task Force has been constituted by the Ministry to deliberate and make recommendations on various important issues concerning the Ministry of AYUSH, including the preferred option for promotion, development and regulation of Yoga & Naturopathy for education and practice.