

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3852
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25THMARCH, 2022**

**LINKING OF AYUSH SYSTEM TO THE ACCREDITED SOCIAL
HEALTH ACTIVISTS**

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

(a) whether progress has been made to realise aimsto ensure quality of medicines, develop infrastructureand foster research as per National Health Policy 2017 and to link AYUSH systems to the Accredited socialhealth activists (ASHA) network;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (c) National Health Policy- 2017 *inter-alia* recognizes the need to nurture AYUSH system of medicine through development of infrastructural facilities of teaching institutions, improving quality control of drugs, building research & public health skills for preventive and promotive healthcare and linking AYUSH systems with Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs).

In this regard, Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the National AYUSH Mission (NAM) though States/UTs for development and promotion of AYUSH systems. The National AYUSH Mission *inter-alia* makes provision for the following activities through AYUSH systems of medicine:-

- (i) Operationalization of AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs)
- (ii) Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs)
- (iii) Upgradation of existing standalone Government AYUSH Hospitals
- (iv) Upgradation of existing/setting up of new standalone Government/ Panchayat/Government aided AYUSH Dispensaries
- (v) Setting up of upto 50/30/10 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospitals
- (vi) Supply of essential drugs to Government AYUSH Hospitals, Government Dispensaries and Government/Government aided Teaching Institutional AYUSH Hospitals

- (vii) AYUSH Public Health Programmes
- (viii) Infrastructural development of State Government Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Educational Institutions.
- (ix) Establishment of new AYUSH Colleges in the States where availability of AYUSH teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector.

Ministry of Ayush is also implementing the Central Sector Scheme for augmenting quality of Ayush drugs, Ayush Oushadhi Gunavatta Evam Utpadan Samvardhan Yojana (AOGUSY) from 2021-22. The objectives of the Scheme are as under:

- (i) To enhance India's manufacturing capabilities and exports of traditional medicines and health promotion products under the initiative of Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- (ii) To facilitate adequate infrastructural & technological upgradation and institutional activities in public and private sector for standardization, quality manufacturing and analytical testing of Ayush drugs & materials.
- (iii) To strengthen regulatory frameworks at Central and State level for effective quality control, safety monitoring and surveillance of misleading advertisements of Ayush drugs.
- (iv) To encourage building up synergies, collaborations and convergent approaches for promoting standards and quality of Ayush drugs & materials.

Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) and Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS), Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN) are functioning as autonomous organizations under Ministry of Ayush for research in Ayurveda, Unani, Homoeopathy, Siddha and Yoga & Naturopathy systems respectively. These Research councils are working towards the scientific validation in concerned systems.

Further, Ministry of Ayush is operationalizing 12,500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) as a component of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments in a phased manner by the year 2023-24. To deliver an expanded range of services at AYUSH HWCs as per the preventive and promotive guidelines and standard treatment guidelines, it is envisaged that ASHAs to provide information on availability of AYUSH services in their vicinity, to ensure Prakriti analysis, to ensure regular Yoga at the community, advocacy of AYUSH Information Education & Communication (IEC) campaigns-lifestyle, diet, behavioural codes, cultivation of medicinal plants and referral & follow up of patients under AYUSH care.