

**Action plan for Yoga promotion**

10. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any ambitious action plan on the promotion of Yoga for tapping the ancient form of exercise in various parts of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of fund allocated for the promotion of Yoga programmes in the country during the last one year; and

(c) the details of Government programmes and schemes currently in operation for the promotion of Yoga in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The Ministry under its Central Sector Schemes of Information Education and Communication (IEC) and International Co-operation (IC) extends financial assistance to State Governments and other reputed Government/ Non Governmental Organizations/Universities for conducting National/ International seminars/workshops/symposiums to promote Yoga.

The Government also carries out print and electronic media campaigns for development, promotion and creation of awareness among the people about health promotive, disease preventive and curative potentials of Yoga in the country. AROGYA fairs at National and State level are organized to make public aware of the benefits of AYUSH systems including Yoga.

The 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 22nd June, 2015. The Scheme is being operated by the Quality Council of India (QCI), India's apex quality facilitation and accreditation body, under Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

(b) During 2014-15, under the Central Sector Scheme of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and International Cooperation (IC) of the Ministry of AYUSH, funds to the tune of ₹ 17.50 crore and ₹ 8 crore were allocated respectively for promotion of AYUSH systems including Yoga.

In addition, Central Council for Research in YOGA Naturopathy (CCRYN) and Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) were allocated ₹ 13.70 crore and ₹ 9 crore under Plan and ₹ 2.24 crore and ₹ 4.20 crore under Non-Plan respectively.

(c) Details of programmes and schemes currently in operation for the promotion of Yoga in the country are as follows :—

- (i) Under the Central Sector Schemes of Information Education and Communication (IEC) and International Co-operation (IC) as mentioned in the reply of part (a) of the question, the Ministry of AYUSH has been undertaking many activities to promote Yoga.
- (ii) The Ministry of AYUSH has recently initiated a Scheme for Voluntary Certification of Yoga Professionals. (Details mentioned in reply of part (a) of the question).
- (iii) A scheme titled “Yoga Training for Police Personnel” has been formulated by the Ministry. Financial assistance in the form of recurring grant of ₹ 7.00 lakh and non-recurring grant of ₹ 1.00 lakh (one time) will be provided to each district of the State/UT.
- (iv) MDNIY has started B.Sc. (Yoga Science), a regular course of three years duration, Diploma in Yogic Science of One year duration and Certificate courses in Yogic Science for specified Target groups like Delhi Police.
- (v) NIN, Pune provides treatment facility to the patients. It also conducts two years Nursing Diploma in Naturopathy and Yoga Therapy Course. It has set up a state of the art new pathology lab in its premises with fully equipped automated analyzers for all the routine tests and special tests like CD4 counter for AIDS, Tridot, Spirometry etc.
- (vi) CCRYN has established a Central Research Institute (CRI) in Rohini, Delhi. First phase construction work of two more CRIs in Nagmangala, Karnataka and Jhajjar, Haryana is almost complete. The Council is running 8 YOGA Naturopathy OPDs in Government Hospitals of Delhi and Haryana.
- (vii) The Government of India has approved the National AYUSH Mission which, *inter-alia*, envisages better access to AYUSH services including Yoga and strengthening of AYUSH educational institutions. The Mission provides for (a) Co-location of AYUSH facilities at Health Centers/ Hospitals including Yoga facilities (b) Upgradation of exclusive State AYUSH Hospitals and dispensaries including hospitals with Yoga centers (c) Upgradation of State Government teaching institutions including those of Yoga (d) Yoga and Naturopathy Wellness Centres as per guidelines as deemed appropriate by the States under the flexible component. The proposals are sanctioned under the AYUSH Mission on receipt of the same from the State/UT Governments.