

Government of India has approved and notified the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) on 29-09-2014, which, *inter alia*, includes the component of AYUSH Services, where there is provision of financial assistance for infrastructure, equipments/furniture and medicines for co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs).

Measures for popularising yoga

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

- (a) the measures taken to maintain the demands of world market now that yoga has become world accepted therapy for happy living;
- (b) what are the steps taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) whether Government is taking any precautionary steps to check misuse of yoga for selfish purpose, if so, what are those?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The Ministry of AYUSH has since launched a scheme for voluntary certification of yoga professionals on 22nd June, 2015 in collaboration with Quality Council of India (QCI) during the valedictory session of 'International Conference of Yoga for Holistic Health'. The scheme aims at promoting authentic yoga as a preventive and health promoting drugless therapy. It involves certifying the competence level of the professionals to help their deployment within and outside the country to meet the increased demands.

(c) To check misuse of yoga and safeguard/protect India's Cultural Heritage, Ministry of AYUSH had filed nomination of Yoga for inscription in the representative list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity for the cycle 2016 by the UNESCO.

Pact with WHO on traditional medicines

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

- (a) whether Government has signed a pact with WHO in the field of traditional medicines;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the pact; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for improving acceptability and branding of AYUSH system internationally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 17.2.2016 approved the signing of Agreement with the World Health Organization (WHO). The Agreement, however, is yet to be signed. As per Cabinet approval, as a first step in the long term collaboration, India would assign to WHO activities for development of the following WHO Technical documents/publications which will help in better international acceptability of Indian Systems of Medicines:

- Benchmarks for training in Yoga
- Benchmarks for practice in Ayurveda
- Benchmarks for practice in Unani Medicine
- Benchmarks for practice in Panchkarma

(c) For enhancing the acceptability and branding of AYUSH systems internationally, in the recent past Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) for undertaking collaborative research have been signed with Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine, UK and National Centre for Natural Product Research (NCNPR) University of Mississippi, USA and Letter of Intent (LoI) with University of Strasbourg, France. The long term collaboration with WHO would help in improving international acceptability and branding of AYUSH systems. The areas of cooperation would help to facilitate awareness regarding AYUSH systems of medicine by means of education, training, skill development, workshops, publications and exchange programmes between AYUSH and WHO for capacity building to facilitate advocacy and dissemination of information on AYUSH systems amongst the member States and collaborations with third parties for creating synergies in implementation of WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023. The Ministry of AYUSH has also launched a scheme for Voluntary Certification of Yoga Professionals on 22nd June, 2015 in collaboration with Quality Council of India (QCI). The scheme aims at promoting authentic Yoga as a preventive and health promoting drugless therapy and involves certifying the competence level of the professionals to help their deployment within and outside the country. Besides signing of 'Country to Country' MoUs for cooperation in the field of Traditional Medicine with Mongolia, Turkmenistan and China, MoUs for setting up of AYUSH Academic Chairs have been signed with Universities in Russia, Indonesia, Slovenia, Thailand and Armenia. AYUSH Information Cells have been set up to disseminate

authentic information about AYUSH Systems of Medicine at Dubai, Croatia, Kyrgyzstan, Israel, Argentina, Serbia and Sweden.

Vacancies in Unani system

967. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of vacancies in different categories in Unani system under the Ministry in the country;
- (b) since when the vacancies have not been filled up;
- (c) the action taken to fill up the vacancies; and
- (d) the mechanism evolved to prevent delay in filling up the vacancies in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) There are 44 vacancies in different categories in Unani system under the Ministry of AYUSH in the country. Details of vacancies in different organizations under Ministry of AYUSH are given in the Statement-I (See below).

(b) and (c) Details of vacancies in different organizations along with action taken to fill up the vacancies are given in the Statement-II (See below).

(d) There is no specific mechanism evolved for preventing delay in filling up the vacancies in future.

Statement-I

Details of vacancies in different organizations

Name of the Organization	Name of vacant post	No. of vacancies
Ministry of AYUSH	CMO (NFSG)/ Joint Adviser	01
	CMO/ Deputy Adviser / SMO/ Assistant Adviser	03
	Medical Officer/ Research Officer	05
	TOTAL	09
National institute of Unani Medicine, Bangaluru	Professor	05