

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Ministry of AYUSH has launched Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) on 15th September, 2014 under which financial assistance are being provided to the States/UTs development and promotion of AYUSH system of medicine as per the State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) received from the States/UTs. Under the scheme, the component-wise outputs achieved are as under:

Sl. No.	Component	Year- wise Outputs			
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1.	Co-location at PHCs, CHCs and DHs	5716	4869	3161	4555
2.	Upgradation of AYUSH Hospitals & Dispensaries	5625	1631	7107	8891
3.	50 bedded Integrated AYUSH Hospitals	3	16	34	31
4.	No. of Hospitals/Dispensaries to whom Supply of Essential drugs has been made	11727	15955	15048	16549
5.	Upgradation of AYUSH Educational Institutions	38	25	20	15
6.	Strengthening of State Drug Testing Laboratories (DTLs), Pharmacies	11	19	22	15
7.	Medicinal Plants (area in Ha.)	-	8721.91	12416.144	9685.92

(b) and (c) The Ministry provides financial support to the State/UT Governments to take up Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities under NAM. Departmental evaluation/Third party evaluation is conducted periodically to assess the outcome of scheme.

#### **Special AYUSH clinics for the elderly**

†645. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides better health services to the elderly persons under AYUSH treatment system;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether Government proposes to open special clinics for the aged persons in villages;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other measures being taken by Government to provide cheaper health facilities to the aged persons under the AYUSH system of medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (e) Yes Sir, the Government provides optimum services to elderly under AYUSH system of medicines.

As Health is a State subject, opening of special clinic for elder persons in villages comes under the purview of the respective State/UT Government.

However, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission ("NAM), there is a provision of financial assistance to the States/UTs for setting up of upto 50-bedded integrated AYUSH Hospitals and for establishment of AYUSH facility in Primary Health Centres (PHCs). Accordingly, State/UT Government may avail assistance through posing their requirement in their State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) as per NAM guidelines. Further, under NAM there is provision of supply of essential drugs to the AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries through which the public including elderly persons can avail free services.

In addition, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous organization under Ministry of AYUSH is providing health services to the elderly persons through its 23 Clinical units (Special Geriatric Clinics) located throughout the country. Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, an autonomous organization under Ministry of AYUSH is providing health services to the elderly persons through its 23 research centres and peripheral Out Patient Departments (OPDs) located throughout the country. Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS), an autonomous organization under Ministry of AYUSH is also providing Geriatric special Out Patient services. Further, National Institute of Siddha (NIS), an autonomous organization under Ministry of AYUSH also conduct a special OPD for elderly persons. Geriatric patients are exempted from payment of Indoor-Patient Department (IPD) charges.