

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.804
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH February, 2021**

PROMOTION OF AYUSH IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS

804 SHRI NARAYAN RANE:

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

(a) whether people living in rural and urban areas are still inclined towards getting allopathy treatment despite the promotion of AYUSH among people done by Government in recent years

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and

(c) whether the urban male population is taking AYUSH treatment more than the rural male population whereas rural female population is taking AYUSH treatment more than the urban female population, if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND
SPORTS AND ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI KIREN RIJU)**

(a) & (b): As per key indicators of the NSS 75th round on Social Consumption on Health in India conducted by National Statistics Office (NSO), MOSPI during July 2017- June 2018, it was found that 95.4% of ailments were treated by allopathy and only 4.4% ailments were treated by AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) at all India level. Rural and Urban break up is given below:-

Percentage of ailments treated by Allopathy and AYUSH, all India

Sector	Percentage of ailments treated by	
	Allopathy	AYUSH
Rural	95.4	4.5
Urban	95.4	4.3
All	95.4	4.4

Source: Key indicators on Social Consumption in India: Health- 75th round (NSS KI-75/25.0, www.mospi.gov.in)

National Statistical Office (NSO) does not conduct specific survey on AYUSH but undertakes survey on health and morbidity periodically. Further, AYUSH system is fragmented and the surveys may not be capturing entire gamete of AYUSH facilities.

(c): In NSS 75th round survey on Social Consumption on Health in India, higher usage (0.6 percentage point) of 'AYUSH' treatment by rural male than its urban counterpart and less usage of 'AYUSH' treatment (0.4 percentage point) by rural female than urban female has been reported. Use of AYUSH treatment by Rural and Urban Male and Female is given below:-

Sector	Percentage of ailments treated by AYUSH	
	Male	Female
Rural	4.2	4.7
Urban	3.6	5.1
All	4.1	4.8

Source: Key indicators on Social Consumption in India: Health- 75th round (NSS KI-75/25.0, www.mospi.gov.in)

However, Government of India is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme National AYUSH Mission (NAM) through States/UTs which envisages:

- (i) Better access to AYUSH services by supporting States/UTs for opening integrated AYUSH hospitals, up-gradation of AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries, supply of AYUSH medicines.
- (ii) Strengthening of AYUSH educational institutions by strengthening States/UTs to improve infrastructure of education institutions.
- (iii) Facilitate the enforcement of quality control of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani & Homoeopathy (ASU&H) drugs by establishment of AYUSH pharmacies and drugs testing laboratories.
- (iv) Sustainable availability of ASU & H raw-materials by encouraging cultivation of medicinal plants.

In addition, this Ministry has also released Grant-in-aid of Rs. 2583.666 Crores to States/UTs for different activities of NAM since inception of NAM in 2014 to till date.