

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1771
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2021**

OPENING OF AYUSH HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES IN PUDUCHERRY

1771. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government will open more AYUSH hospitals in Puducherry in the coming years;
- (b) the details of AYUSH dispensaries in Puducherry as of 1st April, 2021;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there are no Unani and Naturopathy dispensaries in Puducherry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and efforts being made to open the same?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Public health being a State subject, setting up of AYUSH hospitals and AYUSH dispensaries in the country including Puducherry comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM), there is a provision for financial assistance for setting up of 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospital and establishment of new AYUSH dispensary including Unani and Naturopathy. Grant-in-aid is being provided to State/UT Governments including Puducherry as per the proposals received through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) and as per the guidelines of NAM. Ministry of Ayush has approved two 50 bedded integrated AYUSH hospitals in Puducherry at Villianur and Yanam during the year 2015-16 and 2018-19 respectively. As per the information provided by UT Government of Puducherry, 28 Ayurveda, 26 Siddha, 17 Homoeopathy and 4 Yoga & Naturopathy dispensaries are functioning in Puducherry as of 1st April, 2021. However, there is no Unani dispensary in Puducherry.