PROMOTION OF YOGA EDUCATION IN NORTH EASTERN STATES

3685. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:
Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

a. whether Government is planning to promote Yoga education in Assam and other North Eastern States;
b. whether Government is aware that Tezpur University in Assam is running short term regular courses on Yoga for more than ten years without any funding from the Central Government; and
c. whether Government is planning to provide special funding as one time grant to Tezpur and other Universities of Assam to build infrastructure for Yoga education, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a): Ministry of Ayush promotes Yoga education in the country including Assam and other North Eastern States through its autonomous body namely Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), New Delhi. MDNIY provides various courses for Yoga education and imparts Yoga training through its centres. Students across the country participate in various Yoga education programmes of MDNIY.

(b) & (c): Public health being a state subject, setting up of new Yoga educational institutions/running short-term regular courses on Yoga comes under the purview of the respective State Government. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM), there is a provision for the establishment of new Ayush Colleges in the states where the availability of AYUSH teaching institutions is inadequate in the Government Sector. Further, there is no such proposal received from the State Government to provide special funding to Tezpur and other Universities of Assam to build infrastructure for Yoga education.

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