

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.-1770  
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**CURRENT STATUS OF AYUSH EDUCATION IN COLLEGES**

**1770 # SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR:**

Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the education system of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathic streams in Government and Non-Government colleges; and
- (b) whether Government proposes to provide any financial assistance and employment facility to the researchers for world-class higher education and research in these subjects, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons thereof?

**ANSWER  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH  
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

- (a) National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) Act, 2020 and National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH) Act, 2020 were enacted on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2020, to replace the existing Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 respectively and respective councils established there under. Accordingly, the Central Council of Indian Medicine constituted under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 (48 of 1970), has been superseded by National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) vide Ministry's Notification dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. The Central Council of Homoeopathy constituted under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 (59 of 1973) has been superseded by National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH) vide Ministry's Notification dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

Further, the following reforms have been taken for bringing transparency & improve quality education in AYUSH institutions:

- i. NCISM has prepared 1<sup>st</sup> professional competency based/outcome based syllabus that aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP).
- ii. The syllabus are bar coded to facilitate the students for downloading of the syllabus
- iii. Same Activities scheduled for second and third professional subjects.
- iv. Regulation for Minimum Standard of Education are published for ASU system and implemented from 2021-22 wherein undergoing Medical Education Technology (MET)/ Quality Improvement Program (QIP) is mandatory for every teacher once in a every three years.
- v. NCISM initiated Electives, online course in ISM (Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha) from 2021-22 which introduced in B.A.M.S./BUMS/BSRMS curriculum to provide opportunity to student of ASU courses to get introduced, exposed and oriented to various allied subjects that are required to understand and build inter-disciplinary approach

- vi. NCISM organized master training programme on “Scientific Writing, Research Integrity and Publication Ethics” for the 60 master trainers i.e. PG Guide of ASU system. The training program was customized to the needs of teachers from ASU institutions.
  - vii. A uniform entrance examination namely, the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to all Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU & H) Under-graduate courses.
  - viii. A uniform entrance examination namely, the All India AYUSH Post Graduate Entrance Test (AIAPGET) for admission to postgraduate course in all ASU & H Institutions.
  - ix. All India Quota Seats has been created: Minimum 15% of the total seats (which may be more as per existing rules of the concerned State/University/Institutes) of all ASU & H (UG & PG) courses in Government, Government aided, Private Colleges, Deemed Universities, Central Universities and National Institutes from academic year 2019-20.
- (b) i. Government of India has established five (05) Research Councils viz., Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCH), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN) under the Ministry of Ayush, as apex organizations for undertaking, coordinating, formulating, developing and promoting research in Ayush system on scientific lines.
- ii. There are posts of Research Officers in the respective Research Councils who are employed to conduct research in the field related to them.
  - iii. As per the provisions of National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Education for Ayurveda/Siddha/Unani) Regulations-2022, the researchers with full time research experience of 10 years/5 years duration are eligible, along with other criteria, as Professors/Associate Professors, respectively, to be employed in the Teaching Institutions.
  - iv. The Ministry of Ayush is running a Central Sector Scheme namely “AYURGYAN Scheme” to support Education, Research & Innovation in AYUSH system. The scheme provides financial assistance to the organizations for research in Extra Mural mode. Under this scheme, Ministry of Ayush provides financial support for staff, equipment and contingencies for the Research project up to an amount not exceeding Rs. 70.00 Lakh.
  - v. FITM-AYUSH Research Fellowship Scheme: Forum on Indian Traditional Medicine is established at Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), as part of the initiative of Ministry of Ayush and RIS to undertake policy research on Indian Traditional Medicines (ITMs). It offers Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Programs wherein financial assistance of 5 lakh/year and 7.5 lakh/year, respectively, are provided.
  - vi. In addition, PG and PhD courses are available with financial assistance/stipend in the Government colleges/institutes wherein the Research Scholars (PG/PhD) will submit their research work to the concerned Universities.

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