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RAJYA SABHA
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Availability and improvement of alternative medicine services

1606 # **Shri Tejveer Singh:**

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

- (a) the major schemes and initiatives taken so far by Government to increase the availability of Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy system of medicines; and
- (b) the new steps Government is taking to improve the quality and accessibility of these medical services and the corrective plans being made keeping future in mind?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) & (b) Public health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to increase availability of Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy system of medicine and to improve the quality and accessibility of these medical services comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments. However, Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments and supporting their efforts in overall development as well as to improve the quality and accessibility of these medical services. The NAM inter-alia makes provision for following activities:

- (i) Operationalization of Ayush Health & Wellness Centres (AHWCs) now renamed as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush).
- (ii) Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs)
- (iii) Upgradation of existing standalone Government Ayush Hospitals
- (iv) Upgradation of existing Government/Panchayat/Government aided Ayush Dispensaries/ Construction of building for existing Ayush Dispensary (Rented/dilapidated accommodation) /Construction of building to establish new Ayush Dispensary
- (v) Setting up of 10/30/50 bedded integrated Ayush Hospitals
- (vi) Supply of essential drugs to Government Ayush Hospitals, Government Dispensaries and Government/Government aided Teaching Institutional Ayush Hospitals

(vii) Establishment of new Ayush colleges in the States where availability of AYUSH teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector.

(viii) Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate Institutions and Ayush Post-Graduate Institutions/ add on PG/ Pharmacy/Para-Medical Courses.

The State/UT Governments may avail financial assistance by submitting suitable proposals through their State Annual Action Plans (SAAP) as per the provisions of NAM guideline.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India and the Quality Council of India (QCI), through its Board, National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & healthcare Providers (NABH), for NABH Ayush Entry Level certification (AELC) of Ayush Health & Wellness Centers (AHWCs) now renamed as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) and Integrated Ayush hospitals supported under the National Ayush Mission (NAM).

Further, Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) for Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) and Ayush Hospitals have been launched on 04th March, 2024 by the then Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. Accordingly, these standards have been shared with State /UT Governments for compliance to improve the quality of health care delivery in the country.
