

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.163  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2025**

**Siddha Dispensaries/Wellness Centres in the country**

**163 Dr. Dharmasthala Veerendra Heggade:**

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to increase Siddha Dispensaries/Wellness Centres across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of dispensaries of Siddha, which is one of the oldest systems of treatment in the country, State-wise; and
- (d) the number of Siddha doctors deployed in these dispensaries along with the number of posts of such doctors lying vacant during the last three years; and
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to fill up the vacant posts of Siddha doctors and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) As Public Health is a State subject, establishment/increasing of Siddha Dispensaries/Wellness Centres across the country comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM), there is a provision of financial assistance to States/UTs for operationalization of Ayush Health & Wellness Centres (AHWCs) now renamed as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) including Siddha system of medicine by upgrading existing Ayush Dispensaries and Health Sub-centres. As per the proposals received from the State/UT Governments through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs), the status of approved Siddha Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) under NAM is furnished at **Annexure-I**.

(c) to (e) State/UT-wise, the number of Siddha Dispensaries available in the country as on 01.04.2023 is furnished at **Annexure-II**.

As Public Health is a State subject, filling up of posts/deployment of doctors in the dispensaries/wellness centres falls under the jurisdiction of the respective State/UT Governments. Further, as per the Recruitment Rules notified by the Ministry of Ayush vide Gazette Notification dated 06.06.2018, the total number of posts for Siddha Doctors in the Ministry of Ayush i.e. Medical Officer/ Senior Medical Officer/Chief Medical Officer/Chief Medical Officer (Non-Functional Selection Grade) and Chief Medical Officer (Senior Administrative Grade) are 05 and at present 01 post is lying vacant.

**Approved Siddha Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) under NAM**

| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>Name of States/UTs</b> | <b>No. of Siddha AAM(Ayush)</b> |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1             | Kerala                    | 6                               |
| 2             | Puducherry                | 1                               |
| 3             | Tamil Nadu                | 538                             |
| <b>Total</b>  |                           | <b>545</b>                      |

**State/UT-wise, the number of Siddha Dispensaries available in the country as on 01.04.2023**

| <b>S. No.</b>  | <b>A. Name of the States/UTs</b> | <b>Number of Dispensaries</b> |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1  | Karnataka                        | 1                             |
| 2  | Kerala                           | 34                            |
| 3  | Tamil Nadu                       | 790                           |
| 4  | Puducherry                       | 28                            |
|  | <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>853</b>                    |
| <b>B.CGHS &amp; Central Government Organizations</b> |                                  | <b>65</b>                     |
| <b>TOTAL (A+B)</b>                                   |                                  | <b>918</b>                    |

**Source:** As reported by State Governments/UTs & Concerned Agencies.

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