

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 267
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2025**

INCLUSION OF AYUSH DOCTOR IN DOCTOR-PATIENT RATIO CALCULATION

**267. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:
SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for inclusion of AYUSH doctors in doctor-patient ratio calculation data by the ministry;
- (b) the detailed data regarding inclusion of AYUSH doctors in the doctor-patient ratio;
- (c) whether Government acknowledges the impact of such discrepancies on the calculation and depiction of such numbers?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (c): AYUSH doctors are qualified professionals who undergo a recognized medical education program in their respective traditional Indian systems of medicine (Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy). They are registered with their respective State Medical Councils and are legally permitted to practice within the scope of their training. According to the National Medical Commission (NMC), there are 13,86,150 registered allopathic doctors. The Ministry of AYUSH has informed that there are 7,51,768 registered practitioners in the AYUSH system of medicine. Assuming that 80% of registered practitioners in both the allopathic and AYUSH systems are available, the doctor-population ratio in the country is estimated to be 1:811.
