

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2025

Progress and challenges in implementing the NAM

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that only 23.35 per cent of the approved integrated Ayush hospitals under the National Ayush Mission (NAM) are currently operational, if so, the reasons for this slow progress;
- (b) the measures being taken to accelerate the construction and operationalization of the remaining integrated Ayush hospitals across the country;
- (c) whether the Ministry has extended the timeline for operationalizing all Ayushman Arogya Mandirs and integrated Ayush hospitals under NAM till Financial year 2024-25;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and whether there are any plans to extend NAM beyond Financial year 2026; and
- (e) the steps being taken to ensure proactive and result-driven implementation of NAM?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) & (b) Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM), 167 Integrated Ayush hospitals (IAHs) has been supported for establishment from 2014-15 to 2023-24 as per the proposals received from State/UT Governments through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). Further, as reported by States/UTs, 52 units are functional which is around 31.13 %. It is stated that establishment of IAHs are construction linked activity and financial assistance is being provided to States in installments along with other approved activities of SAAPs with in the overall earmarked resource pool of a particular year to the respective States/UTs. Since, implementation of the NAM scheme comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments and accordingly, they are taking initiatives for carrying out different activities as per their felt need and priority in their States/UTs. Further, the Government is regularly and vigorously monitoring the progress of implementation of

various activities including construction and operationalization of IAHs under NAM scheme through following methods: -

- i. Collecting activity-wise physical/financial progress on regular interval from the State/UT Governments.
- ii. Conducting the field visits by central team of the Ministry of Ayush, time to time, to analyze the actual progress of implementation of different activities for which State Government has reported expenditure and submitted utilization certificates.
- iii. Regional Review Meetings with State/UTs to assess the implementation status and to decide way forward.
- iv. One to one meeting with States/UTs conducted for detailed review of physical and financial progress.
- v. Mid-term evaluation of NAM scheme implementation/progress by NITI Aayog through third party who undertakes field visits in State/UTs.

(c) & (d). Since, implementation of NAM Scheme comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments and accordingly no specific timeline for operationalization of Integrated Ayush hospitals has been fixed by the Government of India. The Union cabinet approved 12,500 Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM)- (Ayush) to be operationalised by 31st March, 2024 under NAM scheme of Ministry of Ayush through State/UT Governments. The same was subsequently extended up to 31.03.2025. The present tenure of NAM Scheme is up to 31.03.2026 and further extension is based on third party evaluation of the Scheme which has already been initiated by NITI Aayog.

(e) Ministry of Ayush has created a dedicated NAM web portal and made provisions for monitoring and evaluation of activities on monthly, quarterly and yearly basis. Further, time to time, Officials of State Governments are being oriented with respect to the provisions of NAM guidelines and strategies to enhance their capacity for effective implementation of activities/program as approved in SAAPs. During different regional review meetings and one to one interaction meetings with State/UT Governments, appropriate handholding on various aspects have been given to the Officials for effective implementation of scheme and better outcome. In addition to this, Ministry of Ayush is also conducting field visits of State/UTs time to time and providing appropriate guidance as well as handholding to Officials on effective and result-driven implementation of programs/activities.
