

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1357
ANSWERED ON 06.02.2026**

AYUSH Practitioners and Health Specialists in CIL Hospitals

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of AYUSH practitioners trained specifically in treating respiratory ailments caused by coal dust exposure and deployed in Peddapalli during the last five years;
- (b) the establishment of dedicated AYUSH treatment centres near coal mining operations in Peddapalli and the specific therapeutic protocols developed for treating pneumoconiosis and other mining-related occupational diseases;
- (c) the research studies conducted on the efficacy of AYUSH treatments for coal workers' pneumoconiosis in collaboration with medical Institutions and the outcomes achieved in treating affected miners;
- (d) the budget allocation for procuring specialized AYUSH medicines and equipment for treating respiratory conditions in coal belt regions and the procurement process followed for ensuring quality; and
- (e) the integration framework developed between AYUSH practitioners and occupational health specialists in Coal India Limited hospitals to provide comprehensive healthcare coverage to mining workers and their families?

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

(a) & (b) As reported by State Government of Telangana, 20 Government Ayush dispensaries including 08 Ayurveda, 05 Unani, 06 Homoeopathy and 01 Naturopathy Units are functioning in Peddapalli district, with one Medical Officer (MO) at each facility in their respective system of medicine. All these MOs are trained to treat various ailments including standard treatment protocol. Apart from this, those doctors have recently undergone training for musculoskeletal disorders, Skill development programmes and in treating respiratory ailments

caused by Coal dust exposure, during the period from October, 2025 to December, 2025 at Indian Institute of Health & Family Welfare, Hyderabad.

(c) No such specific research study conducted.

(d) As reported by State Government, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM), each Dispensary is being provided the requisite Essential Medicines @ Rs. 2.00 Lakhs per annum for Ayurveda/Unani Dispensaries and Rs. 1.00 Lakhs per annum for Homoeopathic Dispensaries. The Essential Medicines are being procured through e-tenders and supplied to the dispensaries through central store i.e., Government Indian Medicines Pharmacies by using e- Aushadhi Portal. In addition to that, Panchakarma equipment i.e., Massage Table, Sirodhara and Steam bath chambers have been supplied to the selected (100) Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (Ayush) in Telangana including Peddapalli district.

(e) As reported by State Government, at present 09 Ayush Units (Ayurveda-5, Unani-1, Naturopathy-1, Homoeopathy-2) are functioning duly co-located with PHCs/CHCs in Peddapalli district, which are mainly located at coal belt region. However, the integration framework has not been developed specifically between Ayush practitioners and occupational health specialists in Coal India Limited hospitals.
