

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1026

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AYUSH Dispensaries and Wellness Centre

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned any funds for the development of AYUSH infrastructure in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated during the last five years, year-wise, hospital-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote AYUSH medicinal research and related activities; and
- (d) the funds allocated during the last five years by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the National Ayush Mission (NAM), as per the proposals received from the Government of Tamil Nadu through the State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs), funds have been sanctioned for the development of Ayush infrastructure. The details of the sanctioned funds allocated during the last five years, year-wise and hospital/institute-wise, are furnished at **Annexure-I**.

Further, under the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), the Regional Research Institute of Unani Medicine (RRIUM), Chennai is functioning in the State of Tamil Nadu. The details of the funds allocated and released to RRIUM, Chennai during the last five years are furnished at **Annexure-II**.

Further, the Ministry of Ayush has also sanctioned funds through the Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) for the development and strengthening of Siddha research infrastructure in Tamil Nadu. The details of the funds allocated/utilised during the last five years, year-wise and institute-wise, are furnished at **Annexure-III**.

(c): As reported by the Government of Tamil Nadu, a Research and Development (R&D) Wing has been established at Indian Systems of Medicine (ISM), Chennai to undertake research activities in the Indian Systems of Medicine. The R&D Wing has integrated research projects into the practical training of undergraduate and postgraduate students and has provided research training to students of Siddha, Ayurveda and Unani disciplines. It also conducts capacity-building workshops for undergraduate and postgraduate students. Further, the R&D Wing, in collaboration with the State Drugs Testing Laboratory, has completed 132 research studies and published five research articles. Ongoing research activities include standardization and evaluation of Siddha and Ayurveda formulations, including poly-herbal anti-diabetic formulations.

Further, the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has been promoting Ayurveda through Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities using print and electronic media in English, Hindi and regional languages. These materials are disseminated through National and State-level Arogya Melas, health camps, exhibitions, expos and outreach programmes such as the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) Research Programme and Tribal Health Care Research Programme (THCRP) through its network of 30 peripheral institutes. The Council also disseminates research outcomes through its website, quarterly CCRAS Bulletin, and scientific journals, namely the Journal of Drug Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (JDRAS), Journal of Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (JRAS) and Journal of Indian Medical Heritage (JIMH), besides publishing books, monographs and technical reports for wider public access.

Further, the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), an apex body under the Ministry of Ayush, undertakes research in Clinical Research, Drug Proving, Drug Verification, Drug Validation, Drug Standardization, Public Health Research, Fundamental Research and Epidemic Research through its network of 27 research institutes/units and six Homoeopathic Treatment Centres across the country. To strengthen homoeopathic research, CCRH has undertaken infrastructure upgradation of its institutes, established advanced research laboratories, strengthened postgraduate education, and entered into 12 international Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and one Letter of Intent with universities and scientific institutions in countries including Germany, Canada, the USA, the UK, Argentina, Israel, Armenia, Mexico and Brazil. The Council has also implemented public health programmes such as NPCDCS integration, Swasthya Rakshan Programme, Homoeopathy for Healthy Child, Scheduled Caste Component Plan health camps and extensive Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities, besides providing healthcare services through its OPDs/IPDs and promoting Homoeopathy through health camps, exhibitions, social media and awareness campaigns.

Further, the Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Ayush, undertakes scientific research in Siddha through its network of research institutes and units across the country. The Council carries out Intramural Research (IMR), Extra-Mural Research (EMR), clinical research, drug standardization, medicinal plant research, collaborative research with premier institutions, preservation and digitization of Siddha manuscripts, publication of scientific literature, development of Siddha pharmacopoeial

standards, postgraduate research programmes, public health initiatives and awareness programmes for the promotion and development of the Siddha system of medicine. The detailed steps taken by CCRS are furnished at **Annexure-IV**.

(d): Under the National Ayush Mission (NAM), no funds have been sanctioned specifically for AYUSH medicinal research and related activities.

However, under the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine CCRUM), the details of the Budget Estimates (BE) and Revised Estimates/Funds Released (RE/Release) during the last five years are furnished at **Annexure-V**.

Further, the details of the grants received from the Ministry of Ayush and the expenditure incurred by the Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) during the last five years for the promotion of Siddha medicinal research and related activities are furnished at **Annexure-VI**.

Annexure-I**Ayush Infrastructure in Tamil Nadu (Year-wise) and facility-wise under the National Ayush Mission (NAM)****SAAP 2021-2022****(₹ in Lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Name of Infrastructure	Approved Amount
1	2 Co-Located PHC	26.50
2	110 AHCs	550.00
3	Upgradation of Govt. Rural Aysuh Dispensary, Mathikalir Manikam (Civil Work)	20.00
Total		596.50

SAAP 2022-2023**(₹ in Lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Name of Infrastructure	Approved Amount
1	Upgradation of 100 Aysuh Dispensaries into Aysuh Health & Wellness Centres	685.00
2	Establishment of New Aysuh Dispensary at Cuddalore	30.00
3	Setting up of Aysuh Wings in District Hospitals (7 DHQs)	175.00
4	Establishment of 50-Bedded Integrated Aysuh Hospital at Namakkal	200.00
5	Establishment of Aysuh OPD Clinics in PHCs at 30 Locations in Tamil Nadu	600.00
6	50 Bedded Integrated Ayush Hospital (Theni & Thiruvannamalai)	36.98
7	2 OPD Clinics	46.951
8	Setting up of Smart Class Room, Government Siddha Medical College, Chennai	20.00
Total		1793.931

SAAP 2023-2024**(₹ in Lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Name of Infrastructure	Approved Amount
1	Co-Location at District Hospitals (Madurai & Perambalur)	50.00
2	Procurement of Equipment & Furniture at 50 Bedded Integrated Aysuh Hospital (Theni & Tiruvannamalai)	151.67
3	Setting up of 50 Bedded Integrated Aysuh Hospital, AAGHIM Campus, Chennai	500.00

4	Setting up of Aysuh Wings in District Hospitals	250.00
5	300 Aysuh Health & Wellness Centres (Infrastructure Strengthening)	2,025.00
6	Aysuh Health & Wellness Centres (100 AHCs – Committed Liability)	30.00
7	Setting up of 50 Bedded Integrated Aysuh Hospital, Namakkal	100.00
8	Setting up of Aysuh Wings in District Head Quarters Hospitals (5 Units)	125.00
9	Government Ayurveda Medical College, Kottar, Nagercoil	215.37
10	Government Siddha Medical College, Pharmacy, Palayamkottai (PG)	160.00
11	Government Siddha Medical College, Chennai (Procurement of Equipment)	20.00
12	Establishment of New Siddha Dispensary, Naduveeranpattu, Cuddalore	30.00
13	Government Siddha Medical College, Palani, Dindigul	400.00
14	Government Unani Medical College, Chennai (Smart Class Room)	15.00
15	Government Yoga & Naturopathy Medical College, Chennai (Smart Class Room)	15.00
Total		4,087.04

SAAP 2024-2025

(₹ in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Infrastructure	Approved Amount
1	10 District Headquarters Hospitals (50 × 10)	500.00
2	20 Government Primary Health Centres (20 × 20)	400.00
3	Siddha Dispensary	30.00
4	Homeopathy Medical College, Madurai	7,000.00
5	30 Bedded Inward Hospital, Kottar, Nagercoil	525.00
6	Upgradation of Government Yoga & Naturopathy College, Chennai	390.00
7	Upgradation of Government Unani Medical College, Chennai	315.654
8	GSMC, Palayamkottai	60.73
9	GSMC, Chennai	50.00
10	Establishment of Yoga Wellness Centres (New)	100.00
11	Setting up of 50 Bedded Integrated Ayush Hospital, Namakkal	150.00
12	Setting up of Integrated Hospital AAGHIM, Chennai	500.00
Total		10,021.384

SAAP 2025-2026**(₹ in Lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Name of Infrastructure	Approved Amount
1	50-Bedded Integrated Aysuh Hospital, Namakkal (Ongoing)	50.00
2	50-Bedded Integrated Aysuh Hospital, AAGHIM, Chennai (Ongoing)	500.00
3	30-Bedded Integrated Aysuh Hospital, Govt. Ayurveda Medical College, Kottar	615.00
4	AYURVIDYA – School Health Programme through Yoga & Naturopathy	704.705
5	AYURVIDYA – Promotion of Healthy Lifestyle through Siddha	153.295
6	Homeopathy Medical College, Madurai (Ongoing Construction)	2200.00
7	Government Ayurveda Medical College, Nagercoil	97.463
8	International Institute of Yoga & Naturopathy Medical Science, Chengalpattu	350.00
9	Government Siddha Medical College PG Block, Palayamkottai	320.00
10	Ayush Fertility Centres (30 Units Approved)	451.74
Total		5442.203

Annexure –II

**Details of Funds Allocated and Released to the Regional Research Institute of Unani
Medicine (RRIUM), Chennai during the Last Five Years**

(₹ Crore)

Year	Amount
2021-22	9.1418
2022-23	7.8075
2023-24	10.4684
2024-25	12.7500
2025-26	14.0543
Total	54.222

Annexure –III

Details of Funds Allocated and Utilised by the Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and its Peripheral Units in Tamil Nadu during the Last Five Years (Year-wise & Unit-wise)

₹ in Crore					
S.No.	Year	Central Council for Research in Siddha, HQ Chennai.	Siddha Central Research Institute, Chennai.	Siddha Central Research Unit, Palayamkottai	Siddha Medicinal Plants Garden, Mettur.
1	2020-2021	12.70	12.54	0.59	1.15
2	2021-2022	15.06	13.80	0.56	1.29
3	2022-2023	16.29	15.97	0.75	1.35
4	2023-2024	17.71	16.73	0.71	1.50
5	2024-2025	18.65	18.76	0.66	1.89
Total		80.41	77.8	3.27	7.18

Steps taken by the Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) for promotion of Siddha medicinal research and related activities

The Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Ayush, is the apex body for research in Siddha and provides healthcare services through its network of research institutes and units across the country. The major initiatives undertaken by CCRS are as follows:

1. **Research Activities:** CCRS has undertaken 115 Intramural Research (IMR) projects, of which 44 projects have been completed and 71 projects are in progress. In addition, one Extra-Mural Research (EMR) project and one project under the CSIR-ASPIRE Scheme are under implementation.
2. **Regional Raw Drug Repository (RRDR):** CCRS has implemented the Regional Raw Drug Repository (RRDR) project under which 834 raw drug monographs have been developed for quality assurance and standardization of Siddha drugs.
3. **Scientific Publications:** CCRS has published 975 scientific research papers and secured one patent related to the Siddha System of Medicine.
4. **WHO Technical Documents:** The WHO technical documents on Siddha Training and Siddha Practice have been finalized after international consultation and are under publication.
5. **Capacity Building:** CCRS has launched programmes such as Student Academic Initiative for Research in Siddha (STAIRS), Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) and Research Initiative for the Teaching Professionals of Healthcare and Medicine in Siddha (RITHAMS) to promote research among students, scholars and faculty members.
6. **Preservation of Siddha Literature:** Under Mission P2P (Palm to Paper), CCRS is engaged in collection, digitization, transcription, translation and publication of ancient Siddha palm-leaf manuscripts, paper manuscripts and rare Siddha books.
7. **Classical Manuscripts:** CCRS has collected 1,000 palm-leaf bundles, is digitizing 3,500 additional palm-leaf bundles, and has preserved 1,697 paper manuscripts in physical and digital form.

8. Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs): CCRS has published Standard Treatment Guidelines for Musculoskeletal and Metabolic Disorders and has prepared STGs for Skin Diseases in the Siddha System of Medicine.
9. Pharmacopoeia and Standards: In collaboration with PCIM&H, CCRS has published 9 Siddha Pharmacopoeial and Formulary books, initiated 13 new publications, and, in collaboration with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), published 31 standards relating to Siddha medicines, products and services.
10. Collaborative Research: CCRS has signed 24 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with institutions such as AIIMS, ICMR, CSIR, Dravidian University, PCIM&H, NIS and NIFTEM-T for collaborative and interdisciplinary research.
11. Tuberculosis Research: CCRS, in collaboration with ICMR-NIRT and ICMR-NITM, has initiated research projects on prevention, management and rehabilitation of Tuberculosis (TB) and organized brainstorming sessions on priority research areas.
12. Cancer Research: CCRS has initiated research on integrative supportive care for breast cancer patients and established a Cancer Core Committee for strengthening Siddha cancer research.
13. Public Health Initiative: CCRS has proposed a nationwide programme for integrating Varmam Therapy into Public Ayush Hospitals to support the management of pain and non-communicable diseases.
14. Awareness and Outreach: CCRS organizes Siddha Day, seminars, workshops, conferences, health camps, exhibitions and awareness programmes to promote the Siddha System of Medicine. The Mega Siddha Expo and Herbal Exhibition 2026 showcased Siddha medicinal plants, manuscripts, rare books and traditional medical practices.

Annexure V

Budget Estimates (BE) and Revised Estimates/Funds Released (RE/Release) under the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) during the Last Five Years

(₹ Lakh)

Year	BE	RE/Release
2021-22	16,779.00	15,773.00
2022-23	17,580.00	17,505.00
2023-24	17,330.00	17,410.00
2024-25	22,805.00	19,005.00
2025-26	21,450.00	19,900.00
Total	95,944.00	89,593.00

Annexure VI**Details of Grants Received and Expenditure Incurred by the Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) for the Promotion of Siddha Medicinal Research and Related Activities during the Last Five Years****₹ in Cr.**

S. No	Year	Final Grant Received from MoA	Total Expenditure
1	2020-2021	35.30	34.99
2	2021-2022	39.06	38.82
3	2022-2023	46.88	44.02
4	2023-2024	50.91	47.72
5	2024-2025	55.94	51.82
6	2025-2026 (Provisional)	71.34	57.22
Total		299.43	274.59