

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.297
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2022**

NEW YOGA TRAINING CENTRES

**†*297. SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:
MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:**

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new yoga training centres set up across the country during the last five years, State/ UT-wise including Jharkhand, West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the name of places where these centres have been set up, district-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any plan to increase the number of yoga instructors and popularize yoga among the masses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)**

(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b) Since public health is a state subject, setting up of yoga training centres comes under the purview of State/ UT Governments.

(c) to (d) Ministry of Ayush promotes Yoga in the country through its three autonomous bodies namely Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), New Delhi, Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), New Delhi and National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN), Pune. MDNIY provides various courses for Yoga education. CCRYN is the apex body for research and development in the Yoga and Naturopathy systems. NIN, a premier institute for Naturopathy organizes various activities related to Naturopathy and Yoga. The activities and programs of MDNIY, CCRYN and NIN are available on the websites i.e. yogamdniy.nic.in, www.ccryn.gov.in and ninpune.ayush.gov.in respectively.

Ministry of Ayush has established a Yoga Certification Board (YCB) for certification of Yoga professionals and accreditation of Institutions under various categories. As a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, MDNIY & YCB has started a 36 hours training programme for Yoga Volunteer Certificate. It is expected to train 1.5 lakh people under this programme.

At the initiative of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the United Nations General Assembly took a historic decision in 2014 to declare 21st June as the International Day of Yoga. The Ministry of Ayush is the nodal Ministry for observation of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) every year. IDY observation is focused on a Mass Yoga demonstration based on Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) which is publicly available on the Yoga Portal (yoga.ayush.gov.in).

On June 21st, 2016 i.e. on the occasion of the Second International Day of Yoga (IDY), the Hon'ble Prime Minister announced Prime Minister's Award for Outstanding Contribution towards the Development and Promotion of Yoga at National & International Levels. The awards are given in the following four categories:

- i. National Individual
- ii. National Organisation
- iii. International Individual
- iv. International Organisation

Also, Ministry is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for development and promotion of different Ayush system in the country including Yoga and providing financial assistance to them as per the proposals received in their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs). State/UT Governments may avail financial assistance by submitting proposals through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per NAM guidelines. Under National Ayush Mission (NAM), Ministry of Ayush is implementing the operationalization of 12,500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) through State/UT Governments. At these Ayush HWCs, Yoga will be taught to the public for general health promotion as community-based intervention by qualified Yoga Instructors.

Further, an Information Education and Communication (IEC) Scheme, has also been devised by the Ministry, activities under which include steps to reach out to people to promote awareness about Yoga and Naturopathy. IEC activities include public events, conferences, exhibitions, camps and programs on TV, Radio, Print-Media etc.
