

Regarding need to increase salaries for doctors and allied staff of AYUSH-Laid

ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE (IDUKKI): AYUSH doctors and allied staff in Government hospitals of India continue to be underpaid, despite being eligible for pay equal to allopathy sector. There is a huge gap in budget allocation for AYUSH and allopathic medicine. The Government is also aware of the fact that although people are turning towards allopathy, many still prefer Ayurveda and homeopathy medication. The Supreme Court in 2021 had ruled that allopathy and Ayush doctors working at Government hospitals are entitled to equal pay, and if there is discrimination in pay, then it's a violation of right to equality under Article 14. Modern medicine and Ayush medicine are different streams, but their ultimate goal is the same. All doctors are professionals, and on the field nobody is inferior or superior. The pay scales in the AYUSH sector have been stagnant for the last 6 years. Hence, I request the Central Government to consider increasing the salaries for all the posts like doctors, nurses, technicians, attendants, pharmacists, therapists, care-takers, field assistants, sanitation workers etc. in AYUSH.