

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH)  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:93  
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YOGA AND NATUROPATHY  
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**Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:**

- (a) The number of schools/institutes imparting education in Yoga and Naturopathy in the country;
- (b) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for standardization of various courses being offered by these schools/institutes;
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to constitute a regulatory body for schools/ institutes imparting education in Yoga and Naturopathy in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) The other measures being taken by the Government for the promotion and development of Yoga and Naturopathy in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

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(a) Education being on the Concurrent List, the curricula of the school education fall within the purview of the State/ UT Governments in respect of School Education Boards under their administrative control. The Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has informed that there are 15962 schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) who have already been advised to provide compulsory 40-45 minutes of Physical Activities or games to the students of classes I-X everyday and that students of classes XI-XII should participate in physical activity/ games/ Mass Physical Training/ Yoga for at least 2 periods per week (90-120 min/ week). The Board Offers Physical and Health Education for classes XI and XII and Yoga is compulsory part of its curriculum.

There are 18 colleges in 8 States imparting 5½ year Bachelor of Naturopathy & Yogic Sciences (BNYS) degree and more than 50 stand alone Yoga colleges offering M.Sc./ B.Sc., Diploma and Certificate courses.

(b) and (c): At present there is no Central legislation for regulation of education and practice in Yoga & Naturopathy systems. However, this Ministry has asked State Governments in 2006 to enact comprehensive legislation for the regulation of Naturopathy covering registration of Practitioners, medical education etc. Further, it was recommended that in the meantime a system be set up for the registration of Practitioners and the accreditation of institutes on the basis of guidelines formulated and issued by the Government of India. Some states have taken action to implement the guidelines as per details at Annexure.

Government has now undertaken discussion with the stakeholders on feasibility of regulation of Yoga & Naturopathy education and practice for maintaining quality and uniform educational standards and preventing the growth of fraudulent and fake institutions. The Ministry has invited comments/ views of various stake holders including State/ UT Governments, Principals of BNYS degree Colleges/ degree colleges (Yoga) and Vice Chancellors of Medical Universities in all States/ UTs etc. for formulating regulatory authority at the Central Level.

(d) Yoga and Naturopathy are promoted by this Ministry through Arogya fairs organized at National and State level. There are two National Institutes, namely Morarji Desai National Institute for Yoga (MDNIY), New Delhi and National Institute for Naturopathy (NIN), Pune and one Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), New Delhi, who regularly conducts awareness programmes through exhibitions, seminars and conferences. They also participate in the events conducted by other reputed National and International Organizations. An outpatient Department has been built exclusively for Naturopathy treatment with equipment at Pune at a cost of Rs. 4.61 Crore and dedicated to the public recently. Besides, its certificate courses, MDNIY has recently started degree course of B.Sc. (Yoga Science) of 3 years duration for 10+2 students. CCRYN is supporting research studies through renowned medical Institutions and Hospitals of Yoga and Naturopathy to establish the efficacy of various Yogic and Naturopathic treatment modalities in prevention and management of various disease conditions.

The Ministry of HRD has intimated that the National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT) has recently developed

the syllabi of Health and Physical Education for all stages of school education, which gives adequate space to yoga.