SECTION 1: SUMMARY OF ALL-INDIA AYUSH INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

The present chapter provides an overview of the Infrastructural Facilities in respect of AYUSH System of medicines in India. It contains various indicators relating to healthcare delivery system and mechanism under the AYUSH system in India. These health structure indicators include educational infrastructure as well as service infrastructure. The database provided here will definitely serve as an authentic source of information for researchers, planners etc. via providing them a base for planning and policy formulation regarding AYUSH.

The Ministry of AYUSH is collecting the data on various aspects of AYUSH including infrastructural facilities available in India from various sources on annual basis. Since creation of a separate Ministry of AYUSH, a positive impact has been observed in growth of almost all AYUSH infrastructural facilities due to Departmental investment and focus on overall development of these systems since 8th plan onwards. During the successive plan periods, the departmental investment had shown an increasing annual growth rate. Financial investment of the Ministry of AYUSH was Rs. 33.04 Crore in 1997-98, which has increased to Rs. 552.84 crore in 2013-14.

The present section analyzes the trend in the growth of AYUSH infrastructural facilities 8th Plan onwards. System-wise AYUSH infrastructural facilities available in the country as on 1.4.2014 are placed in Table 1.1. The average annual growth rates in AYUSH infrastructural facilities during last three Five Year Plans (1992-93 to 2013-2014) are given in Tables 1.2.

(a) AYUSH Hospitals:
There were 3605 AYUSH hospitals in the country as on 1.4.2014. Maximum number of hospitals (2829) is Ayurveda hospitals, whereas, 260, 265, 35 and 208 hospitals pertain to Unani, Siddha, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy systems respectively. There are only 7 Yoga hospitals in India. On an average, AYUSH hospitals have grown at the rate of 1.5% per annum since 1993. Ayurveda hospitals registered a growth of 1.4% per annum, whereas, average annual growth rates of 1.9% and 4.3% have been registered in the hospitals under Unani and Siddha respectively. On an average, Homoeopathy hospitals have declined by 1.3% per annum during 1993-2014.

(b) Bed Strength of AYUSH Hospitals:
There were 57858 beds under AYUSH hospitals in the country as on 1.4.2014. Maximum number of beds (43669) has been reported in Ayurveda hospitals, whereas, 3569, 2305, 85, 1022 and 7198 beds pertain to Unani, Siddha, Yoga, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy hospitals respectively. On an average, beds of AYUSH hospitals have grown at the rate of 2.3% per
annum since 1993. Average annual growth rates of 2.7%, 1.0%, 3.0% 2.3% and 0.4% have been registered in the bed strengths of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy respectively during 1993-2014, whereas, bed strength of Yoga hospitals have declined by 6.4% per annum respectively.

(C) AYUSH Dispensaries:

As on 1.4.2014, 26130 AYUSH dispensaries existed in the country. Maximum number of dispensaries (15508) have been recorded in Ayurveda system of medicine, whereas, 1485, 845, 138, 123, 7709 and 22 are Unani, Siddha, Yoga, Naturopathy, Homoeopathy and Sowa-Rigpa dispensaries respectively. On an average, AYUSH dispensaries have increased at the rate of 1.0% per annum during 1993-2014. Ayurveda dispensaries registered a growth of 0.8% per annum only, whereas, annual growth rates of 2.1%, 4.7%, 6.0%, 6.2% and 0.9% have been registered in Unani, Siddha, Yoga, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy dispensaries respectively during the period 1993-2014. Average annual growth rate of Sowa-Rigpa dispensaries have been declined at the rate of 4.7% per annum during 1991-2014.

(d) Registered Practitioners under AYUSH Systems:

Human resource indicators cover the details of AYUSH practitioners in the country. These indicators provide an overview of the availability of ISM & Homoeopathy practitioners, and also give an idea of regional distribution and disparities. There were 736538 AYUSH registered practitioners through out the country as reported by State Boards/Councils of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy (ISM&H) as on 1.1.2014. Maximum 399400 practitioners have been registered under Ayurveda System, whereas, 279518 practitioners are under Homoeopathy System. Only, 47683, 8173 and 1764 practitioners have been registered under Unani, Siddha and Naturopathy systems respectively. On an average, registered practitioners under AYUSH systems have grown at the rate of 1.2% per annum during 1993-2014. The number of Ayurveda registered practitioners observed of 0.6% per annum only, whereas, average annual growth rates of 0.9% and 2.6% has been registered in Unani and Homoeopathy practitioners respectively during 1993-2014. However, on an average, the number of registered practitioners of Naturopathy has increased by 9.9% per annum during the period 1998-2014. However, there is a declining 1.8% average annual growth rate of Siddha practitioners during the period 1993-2014.
(e) Institutional Qualified Registered Practitioners under AYUSH Systems:

Number of Institutionally Qualified (IQ) registered practitioners has been increased during 2011-2014. The total number of IQ registered practitioners has increased from 335007 in 2011 to 461032 in 2013 and 511341 in the year 2014. The number of institutional qualified (IQ) has increased during the year mainly because the number of non-institutional qualified (NIQ) practitioners has been registered during the year. The highest increased IQ registered practitioners has been noted in Homoeopathy stream from 84577 to 166329 in 2013 and also reached to 208208 registered practitioners in the year 2014. However, the number of Ayurvedic IQ registered practitioners has increased from 216531 in 2011 to 236922 in 2012 and then increased to 262070 registered practitioners in 2014.

(f) Under Graduate Colleges under AYUSH Systems:

A considerable increase in AYUSH colleges/Teaching institutions has been observed during 1993-2014. There were 513 AYUSH under Graduate Colleges with admission capacities for 29101 students throughout the country as on 1.4.2014. Maximum 260 Under Graduate Colleges with admission capacities for 13152 students belonged to Ayurveda, whereas, 186 Under Graduate Colleges with admission capacities for 12808 students were under Homoeopathy system. Only, 41, 8 and 18 Under Graduate Colleges with admission capacities for 1911, 410 and 820 students belonged to Unani, Siddha and Naturopathy systems respectively. On an average, Under Graduate colleges under AYUSH Systems have grown at the rate 3.4% per annum during the last four Five Year Plans. Ayurveda Under Graduate colleges registered the growth of 4.0% per annum, whereas, average annual growth rates of 2.1%, 6.5%, 8.5% and 2.6% were registered for the Unani, Siddha, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy Under Graduate colleges respectively during 1993-2014. Similarly, on an average, admission capacities of Under Graduate colleges under AYUSH systems have grown at the rate 5.0% per annum, while, Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy Under Graduate colleges have been grown by 5.2%, 3.8%, 4.7%, 11.8% and 5.7% respectively during 1993-2014.
(g) Post Graduate Colleges under AYUSH Systems:

Post-Graduate education comprises a significant component of teaching institutions under various systems of AYUSH. There were 151 AYUSH Post Graduate Colleges with admission capacities for 3604 students (including six exclusive Post Graduate colleges with their admission capacities for 216 students) were in existence in the country as on 1.4.2014. Maximum 100 Post Graduate colleges with their admission capacities for 2501 students belong to Ayurveda system (including 2 exclusive PG colleges with admission capacity for 60 students), whereas, 39 Post Graduate colleges with their admission capacities for 825 students were under Homoeopathy system. Only, 9 and 3 Post Graduate Colleges with their admission capacities for 138 and 140 students belonged to Unani and Siddha systems respectively. On an average, the number of Post Graduate Colleges under AYUSH systems has grown at the rate 6.0% per annum and their admission capacities have grown by 9.2% per annum during 1993-2014. The average annual growth rates of 5.6%, 6.8%, 3.4% and 7.0% have been registered in the strengths of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy Post Graduate colleges, whereas, their admission capacities have been grown by 8.6%, 4.5%, 7.6% and 14.4% annually respectively during 1993-2014.

(g) Drug Manufacturing Units under AYUSH Systems:

There were 9044 manufacturing units existing in the country as on 1.4.2014, engaged in manufacturing the AYUSH drugs. Maximum 7835 manufacturing units were engaged in manufacturing of Ayurveda drugs, whereas, 511, 379 and 319 manufacturing units were involved in manufacturing of Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy drugs respectively. A marginal growth trend of 0.2% per annum was realized in total AYUSH drug manufacturing units during 1993-2014. The Ayurveda and Unani Drug manufacturing units have registered the average annual growth rate of 0.5% and 0.9% respectively whereas, on an average, drug manufacturing units of Siddha and Homoeopathy have declined by 0.2% and 4.4% annually respectively during 1993-2014.

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