SECTION 2: MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES

The Indian System of Medicine & Homoeopathy treatments are popular with the masses and have proven strengths of treating common and chronic diseases. In order to make available the benefits of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Yoga & Naturopathy and Homoeopathy) to the public at large, it is very much important that adequate number of AYUSH health care units (hospitals and dispensaries) be available in all pockets of the country, so that the public may exercise their choice in accessing the health services.

This section provides an overall picture of AYUSH Hospitals and dispensaries existing in the country as well as in States/ UTs as on 1.4.2016, and also the intake capacity (bed strength) of AYUSH Hospitals. Time-series comparison of healthcare facilities under AYUSH since 1980 has also been made in the last section of this chapter.

Hospitals under AYUSH systems:

There has been a significant rise in the health care facilities under AYUSH over the years. AYUSH hospitals and their bed capacity as on 1.4.2016 stood at 3639 and 56250 respectively for all the systems. There was a preponderance of Ayurveda hospitals, as nearly 78% hospitals and 76% beds pertain to this system exclusively. Unani, Siddha, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy account for the remaining nearly 22.0% hospitals. The existing AYUSH hospitals in India has been further categorized by their ownership status, where 1.3% hospitals were under the control of 'CGHS & Central Government Organizations' and 91.6% hospitals were being managed by the State Governments & Union Territories directly. 6.1% hospitals fall under 'others' category and only 0.9% hospitals were being managed by local bodies as on 1.4.2016.

Average annual growth rate of 6.2% was realized in AYUSH hospitals during 1980 to 2016. Average annual growth rates of 7%, 7.6%, 3.8% and 2.8% has been observed in the hospitals of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy respectively during 1980-2016. Maximum annual increase of 38.2% and 44.2% were registered in 1981-82 and 1980-81 in case of Siddha and Homoeopathy hospitals respectively.

Average annual growth rate of 2.0% was realized in the bed strength of AYUSH hospitals during 1991-2016. The maximum annual growth rate of 36.9% was registered in the bed strength of AYUSH hospitals in 1999-2000. Average annual growth rates of 2.4%, 0.7%, 2.5%, and 0.1% has been observed in the bed strengths of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy hospitals respectively since 1991. Maximum annual growth rates of 46.3%, 20.3%, 27.6%, 25.0% and 28.0% in the bed strengths of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy and Sowa-Rigpa hospital were registered in the years 1999-2000, 1995-96, 1995-96, 1999-2000 and 2002-03 respectively.
Average number of beds per AYUSH hospital has increased from 13.1 in 1991 to 15.5 in 2016. (Table 2.7 (c))
Average number of beds per hospital of Ayurveda, and Homoeopathy has increased from 11.5 and 23.2 in 1991 to 15.1 and 31.7 respectively in 2016. The in-patient capacity (number of beds) per crore populations of AYUSH hospitals has increased from 405.0 in 1991 to 427.7 in 2016. The in-patient capacities per crore population of Ayurveda, and Siddha hospitals has increased from 280.0 and 14.2 in 1991 to 325.1 and 17.1 respectively in 2016. The in-patient capacity per crore populations of Homoeopathy hospitals has decreased from 75.4 in 1991 to 50.3 in 2016.

Barring 49 hospitals existing under the control of 'CGHS & Central Government organizations', there were 3590 hospitals with 54147 beds in India as on 1.4.2016, which were under the jurisdiction of State Governments & Union Territories. Out of these, 55.2% hospitals with 21.1% beds were in the state of Uttar Pradesh, providing medical facilities to 16.7% population of India. Similarly, 7.7% hospitals with 4.2% bed strength exist in Tamil Nadu serving 5.9% ofPopulation for medical treatment under these hospitals. Besides these two states, the states having higher or equivalent proportion of hospitals or bed strength in comparison to their population were Arunachal Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tamilnadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Chandigarh. There were only two hospitals each in the
States/ UTs of Jammu Kashmir, Nagaland, Chandigarh and Daman & Diu. The State Goa and union territories of Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep and Puducherry also were devoid of any AYUSH hospital.

Ayurveda hospitals were spread over 29 states and union territories of India. The spread of hospitals all over the country was not found to be uniform, where nearly half of Ayurveda hospitals are situated in the state of Uttar Pradesh. However, Goa, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep and Puducherry were devoid of any Ayurveda hospital. Homoeopathy hospitals prevailed in 29 states with maximum of 22.7% hospitals (with 26.8% bed capacity) in Maharashtra, whereas states of Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Sikkim and Union Territories of Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep and Puducherry were devoid of Homoeopathy hospitals. Unani hospitals existed in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, and A&N Island. Nearly 80.0% of the total Unani hospitals with 32.5% bed capacity existed in the state of Uttar Pradesh only. In case of Siddha, hospitals existed only in the states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and A&N Island. 99.3% Siddha hospitals with 97.5% bed strength existing in the State of Tamil Nadu only. Yoga hospitals prevailed in the states of Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Maximum of 42.9% Yoga hospital with 8.5% of bed strength existed in Karnataka. Naturopathy hospitals existed in the States of Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala Manipur, Rajasthan and Telangana with a maximum of 43.3% hospitals with 24.2% bed strength in Manipur.

Average number of AYUSH hospitals and bed strengths were 27.67 and 412 per crore population respectively in the country as on 1.4.2016. States and union territories having more than 40 hospitals per crore population on average were Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Mizoram, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. States an Union Territories having less than five hospitals per crore population were Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Telangana and West Bengal. States and union territories having more than 800 beds per one crore population were Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Uttarakhand and A&N Islands. States and union territories having less than 100 beds per one crore population were Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland and Punja. There were only 10 states/ union territories, namely, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana and West Bengal having on an average more than 50 beds per hospital in the country.

Dispensaries under AYUSH Systems:

There were 26405 AYUSH dispensaries in India as on 1.4.2016. Out of which, 58.8% dispensaries pertained to Ayurveda system only, whereas, 5.6%, 3.2%, 0.1%, 0.4% and 31.0% dispensaries belonged to Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy respectively. Out of the total dispensaries existing in India as categorized by their ownership status, only 2.5% dispensaries were under the
control of CGHS & Central Government Organizations as on 1.4.2016. However, 86.3% dispensaries were being managed by the States and Union Territories. Only, 8.5% dispensaries were being managed by local bodies while 2.6% dispensaries were being managed by others. Ayurveda dispensaries prevailed in all the States and union territories with maximum of 23.5% dispensaries in Rajasthan, whereas State of Mizoram has only two Ayurveda dispensaries as on 1.4.2016. Homoeopathy dispensaries existed in 35 States and union territories with maximum of 20% (nearly) dispensaries in Uttar Pradesh whereas states and union territories of Jammu & Kashmir had not reported any Homoeopathy dispensaries. Maximum of 31% of total Unani dispensaries existed in the state of Bihar. No Unani dispensary existed in the states of Goa, Gujarat, all the North-Eastern states except Assam, Manipur and all the union territories except Delhi and Chandigarh. In case of Siddha, dispensaries existed in the states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and in the union territory of Puducherry with 96.1% dispensaries existing in Tamilnadu only. Yoga dispensaries were prevailing in the states of Gujarat, Manipur, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. Maximum of 58.1% Yoga dispensaries existed in Tamil Nadu. Naturopathy dispensaries existed in 7 States and Union Territories with maximum of 31.6% dispensaries existing in Odisha. Sowa-Rigpa dispensaries existed in 4 States and Union Territories with maximum of 75.8% dispensaries in Jammu & Kashmir.

Average annual growth rate of nearly 1.6% has been realized in AYUSH dispensaries during 1981 to 2016. Maximum annual growth of 27.3% was registered in AYUSH dispensaries in 1985-86. Average annual growth rates of 0.71%, 1.17%, 1.9%, 4.3%, and 4.4% have been observed in the dispensaries of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy respectively. Maximum annual growth of 9.11%, 29.29%, 51.76% and 75.00% in Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Sowa-Rigpa dispensaries was registered in the years 1984-85, 2012-13, 2010-11 and 2002-03 respectively. Homoeopathy dispensaries increased approximately by 189.02% in the year 1985-86 over their preceding years.

The average number of AYUSH dispensaries was 200.76 per crore population in the country as on 1.4.2016. On an average, states and union territories having more than 250 dispensaries per crore population were Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Manipur, Nagaland, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tripura, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar, Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Puducherry. States having less than 100 dispensaries per crore population were Delhi, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Uttar Pradesh and D&N Haveli.