SECTION 6: INTEGRATION OF AYUSH IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM UNDER NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH MISSION (NRHM)

After the launch of NRHM, an initiative has been taken by the department of Health and Family Welfare and Dept of AYUSH for strengthening of health care facilities at all levels by integrating AYUSH systems in national health care delivery systems under NRHM.

Physical and functional integration of AYUSH systems in NRHM is most important strategy of Mainstreaming under NRHM. Integration is facilitated by appointing or collocating AYUSH doctors & supporting staff and creating infrastructure according to local needs. AYUSH doctors who are being appointed are used to facilitate management of programmes, monitoring and effective implementation of various interventions under NRHM.

As on March, 2010, there were 642 districts, 6348 blocks and 638588 villages incorporating 601 District Hospitals (DHs), 4511 Community Health Centres (CHCs) and 23391 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in India. The projected rural population of India for December, 2010 has been estimated as 7424.9 lakhs. On an average, 12.3 lakhs, 1.6 lakhs and 0.3 lakhs rural population had been served per District hospital, Community Health Centre, Primary Health Centre respectively.

Co-location Rate of Rural Health Infrastructure with AYUSH facilities in India:

AYUSH facilities had been co-located with 240 District Hospitals, 1716 Community Health Centres and 8938 Primary Health Centres in the country in 2010. About 39.8% District hospitals had been co-located with AYUSH facilities till 2010. All the District hospitals existing in the states and union territories of Goa, Haryana, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tamilnadu, Tripura, Lakshadweep and Puducherry had been co-located with AYUSH facilities, whereas, the states having more than 50% of the District hospitals co-located with AYUSH facilities were Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab, A&N Islands and Daman & Diu. States having less than 50% District hospitals co-located with AYUSH facilities was Madhya Pradesh only, whereas, there had been no co-location of AYUSH facilities in the Districts hospitals of the remaining 14 states and union territories.

Nearly 38% Community Health Centres had been co-located with AYUSH facilities till 2010. All the CHCs existing in the states and union territories of Nagaland, Orissa, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, and Puducherry had been co-located with AYUSH facilities, whereas, the states having more than 50% of the CHCs co-located with AYUSH facilities were Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Manipur, Mizoram, Punjab, Tamilnadu,
Tripura, West Bengal, Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep. The states having more than 25% but less than 50% of the CHCs co-located with AYUSH facilities were Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand. The states having less than 25% CHCs co-located with AYUSH facilities were Madhya Pradesh and Meghalaya. No co-location of AYUSH facilities had been observed in CHCs in the remaining 8 states and union territories.

About 38.2% Primary Health Centres had been co-located with AYUSH facilities till 2010. All the PHC existing in the Union Territory of D & N Haveli, Daman & Diu and Puducherry have been collocated. The States/union territories having more than 50% of the PHCs co-located with AYUSH facilities were Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, and A & N Islands. States having more than 25% but less than 50% of the PHCs co-located with AYUSH facilities were Goa, Karnataka, Meghalaya and West Bengal. The states and union territories having less than 25% of the Primary Health Centres co-located with AYUSH facilities were Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Uttar Pradesh. No co-location with AYUSH facilities had been observed in the PHCs in the remaining 11 states and union territories.

Rural Population served by the Rural Health Infrastructure co-located with AYUSH facilities:

About 30.9 lakhs of rural population were being served by each District hospital co-located with AYUSH facilities in the country as on 30.09.2010. About 74.0 lakh population per DH co-located with AYUSH facilities were served in the state of Madhya Pradesh, whereas, 36.1 lakh, 24.3 and 18.3 lakh rural population were served per DH co-located with AYUSH facilities of the state of Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Karnataka respectively. States where more than 5 lakhs but less than 18 lakhs rural population were served per DH co-located with AYUSH facilities were the state of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Tripura. The states and union territories with less than 5 lakh rural populations getting their health care services per DH co-located with AYUSH facilities were Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Puducherry.

About 4.3 lakh of rural population were being served per Community Health Centre co-located with AYUSH facilities in 2010. About 21.1 lakh population per CHC co-located with AYUSH facilities
were being served in the state of Madhya Pradesh, whereas, 6.0 lakhs, 4.4 lakhs, 3.9 lakhs, 3.7 lakhs, 3.4 lakhs, 3.2 lakhs and 3.1 lakh rural population were being served per CHC co-located with AYUSH facilities in the states of Tripura, Andhra Pradesh, Meghalaya, Gujarat, West Bengal and Rajasthan respectively. The states and union territories with less than 1.5 lakh rural population per CHC co-located with AYUSH facilities were Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Puducherry.

On an average, 0.8 lakh of rural population were being served per Primary Health Centre co-located with AYUSH facilities in the country in 2010. About 3.1 lakh population per PHC co-located with AYUSH facilities were served in the states of Uttar Pradesh. About 2.6 lakh, 1.6 lakh, 1.3 lakh and 1.0 lakh population per PHC co-located with AYUSH facilities were served in the states of Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Assam and Goa respectively. The states and union territories with less than 0.5 lakh of rural population per PHC co-located with AYUSH facilities were Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Orissa, Tamilnadu, A&N Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Puducherry.

Contractual Appointment of AYUSH Doctors and Paramedical Staff in India:

As on 30.09.2010, contractual appointment of 9578 AYUSH Doctors and 3301 AYUSH Paramedical staff has been recorded. Maximum (1384) of AYUSH Doctors were appointed in the State of Bihar whereas 1286, 1034, 919, 670 and 625 contractual appointments of AYUSH Doctors had been observed in the states of Orissa, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka respectively. States having contractual Doctors ranging from 250 to 500 are Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Orissa, Tamilnadu and Uttar Pradesh. The States having less than 250 and above 50 contractual appointments are Assam, Haryana, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Punjab, Tripura and Uttarakhand. The State
having less than 50 and more than 25 are Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya. The States/UTs of Goa, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, A&N Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu and Puducherry are having less than 25 Doctors are. The States having no Doctors are Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal and Lakshadweep.

Likewise, 1773 contractual appointments of AYUSH Paramedical Staff was recorded in the state of Andhra Pradesh, whereas 25, 63, 346, 68, 25, 159, 138, 23, 50, 182, 435, 4, 150, 23, 413, 18, 8 and 8 AYUSH Paramedical Staff was appointed on contractual basis in the states of Goa, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttarakhand, A & N Islands, Chandigarh and Puducherry respectively. In rest of the states, there were no AYUSH Paramedical staffs appointed on contractual basis as on 30.09.2010.

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