

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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RECOGNITION TO PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has expressed its inability to give recognition to public health workers under the Rural Health Services;
- (b) if so, the number of public health workers of the country likely to be affected by this decision of the Government;
- (c) the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government made any recommendation for the inclusion of this public health workers in the State health services; and
- (e) if so, the number of States taken positive initiatives in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

- (a) The Public Health Workers whose salaries are funded by Government of India are the Auxiliary Nurse-cum-Midwives (ANMs) working in the Sub-centres. As earlier scheme of Village Health Guides working on an honorarium basis has been dropped as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme from the 10th Plan i.e. 1.4.2002, after a thorough review of the Scheme by an Expert Committee in 1997-98.
- (b) & (c) At the time of this decision, 3,18,436 VHGs were reported to be working under the Scheme. State-wise details are annexed.
- (d) & (e) As per the decision taken by the Central Government, State Governments are free to continue with the existing/amended/version of the Scheme as per their requirements and out of the their own resources.

Annexure

Number of Village Health Guides reported working at the time of discontinuation of VHG Scheme as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Sl. State/UT No.of VHGs reported working
No.
Male Female Total

1	Andhra Pradesh	-	-	-
2	Arunachal PradeSh	##	28698	5636 34334
3	Assam	0	0	0
4	Bihar @	0	11001	11001
5	Chhattisgarh	NA	NA	10431
6	Goa ##	-	-	-
7	Gujarat ##	0	0	0
8	Haryana	0	0	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	270	270
10	Jammu & Kashmir #	3067	383	3450
11	Jharkhand	NA	NA	NA
12	Karnataka	-	-	-
13	Kerala ##	12681	2447	15128
14	Madhya Pradesh @	0	0	0
15	Maharashtra	NA	NA	30619
16	Manipur	12429	22494	34923
17	Meghalaya	1118	577	1695
18	Mizoram	121	1060	1181
19	Nagaland	320	170	490
20	Orissa	349	199	548
21	Punjab	18627	4670	23297
22	Rajasthan	645	8979	9624
23	Sikkim	2585	6414	8999
24	Tamil Nadu #	177	28	205

25 Tripura NA NA NA
26 Uttaranchal 1050 787 1837
27 Uttar Pradesh @ - - -
28 West Bengal NA NA 90111
29 A& N Islands NA NA 39965
30 Chandigarh 50 100 150
31 D & N Haveli 0 0 0
32 Daman & Diu ## 0 0 0
33 Delhi 0 0 0
34 Lakshadweep NA NA NA
35 Pondicherry 2 9 11
128 39 167

All India 82047 65263 318436

NA = Not available

@ = Figures prior to re-organisation of States.

= Alternative Health Guide [AHG] Scheme functioning in the States.

= VHG Scheme discontinued in the State.

Note : No Training being imparted at present.