

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ACCREDITED SOCIAL HEALTH ACTIVISTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) on monthly basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (c) Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) are envisaged to receive performance linked incentives and not monthly payments. The performance linked incentives are built within various programmes of health and family welfare including the Janani Suraksha Yojana, Universal Immunisation Programme, TB programme etc. The ASHA are also given performance linked incentives for community mobilization for Monthly health and Nutrition Day, Pulse Polio Day, motivation for family welfare procedures, DOTS and identification and complete treatment of Leprosy cases etc. All states have already operationalised the performance linked incentive protocols.