

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) present working in the country and their duties thereof, State-wise and category-wise including Karnataka;
- (b) whether any evaluation has been made in regard to the functioning of ASHAs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the rules under which their salary is being paid;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to increase the pay scale of ASHAs; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDHOPADHYAY)

(a) There are 805685 ASHAs that have been trained and engaged under NRHM. The ASHA is expected to conduct home visits, for preventive and promotive care, and provide community level curative care, prioritizing those households which have a newborn, a pregnant mother, a malnourished child or a child below two years. She is expected to attend the Village Health and Nutrition Day, accompany pregnant women to the facility, if required, & hold village meetings. The ASHAs are also engaged as DOTS provider, detection of Malaria, Cataract cases and Leprosy cases for referral where these diseases are endemic.

The state wise, category wise total number of ASHAs working including there in Karnataka in as below:

S.No. Name of States Total No. Of ASHA in place

EAGs states

1	Bihar	69402
2	Chhattisgarh	60092
3	Jharkhand	40115
4	Madhya Pradesh	48159
5	Orissa	40765
6	Rajasthan	40310
7	Uttar Pradesh	135130
8	Uttarakhand	11086

NE EAGs states

1	Assam	26225
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3426
3	Manipur	3878
4	Meghalaya	6175
5	Mizoram	987
6	Nagaland	1700
7	Sikkim	666
8	Tripura	7367

Non-EAGs states

1	Andhra Pradesh	70700
2	Delhi	2680
3	Gujarat	28809
4	Haryana	12825
5	Jammu and Kashmir	9500
6	Kerala	30719
7	Karnataka	32939
8	Maharashtra	56854
9	Punjab	15481
10	Tamil Nadu	2650
11	West Bengal	29552
12	Himachal Pradesh	16888#

Union Territories

12	Andaman and Nicobar Island	407
13	Lakshadweep	83
14	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	85
15	Chandigarh	30
Total Number of ASHAs		805685

No ASHAs selected in Himachal Pradesh. 16888 link workers are functioning as ASHAs

(b) & (c) Evaluation has been conducted and a brief report is annexed.

(d) & (e) The ASHAs do not get regular salary. They are paid performance based incentive for a range of tasks that have been stated in reply to Question (a) above.