

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

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

- (a) whether under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) contains provision for incentives to the midwives who take the poor people in the villages to the hospitals so as to improve the health services and reduce the mortality of mother and child;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the amount of incentives is enough to support the midwives or their families in this age of price-rise;
- (d) the proposal of the Government to provide honorarium to the midwives working in Jharkhand and Bihar; and
- (e) the details of the proposal by the Government for permanent appointment of the midwives?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), there is a provision by incentives to the ASHAs accompanying poor pregnant women to the healthcare institutions for delivery. There is no provision separately for incentivizing the traditional birth attendants, for taking poor people in the villages to the hospitals.

Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) are appointed at the Sub-Centres on a regular basis to provide healthcare services, especially reproductive and child health services to the people in the rural areas of the country including in Jharkhand and Bihar.

There is no proposal to provide honorarium to the traditional birth attendants or to appoint them on a regular basis.