

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has initiated the recruitment process for recruitment of the Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) workers for the purpose of creation of the posts of the ASHA group coordinators at the State level under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some State Governments including Maharashtra have abolished the posts of the ASHA Group Coordinators;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (e) if not, the reasons for not issuing the appointment letters to the persons selected for the above post, even after their selection; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : No. ASHA is a community based woman volunteer who acts as a bridge between rural population and health services. They are selected as per guidelines on ASHA issued by Government, from amongst the local community. They are not recruited against any permanent posts. Further as per guidelines for operationalizing support mechanisms for Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA), there is provision for Block Facilitators/coordinators. Number of such facilitators/coordinators vary from State to State depending upon the specific needs of that State which are reflected in their annual programme implementation Plan (PIP).

Government of Maharashtra has informed that for a group of 10 ASHAs, State has appointed 1 Block Facilitator in Tribal areas and 1 Block Facilitator for every PHC in non Tribal areas. There is Block Community Mobilizer in 70 Tribal Blocks and one District Community mobilizer for 33 districts in the State. Appointment of block Facilitator is done at the block level and block Community and District Community mobilizer is done at District level. These appointments are not done from State level. The details of the same are as follows :

Requirement of ASHA 59384

Appointment of ASHA 59284

Target of Block Facilitator 2448

Appointment of Block Facilitator 2348

Requirement of Block Community mobilizer 70

Appointment of block 57
Community mobilizer