

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4646
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HONORARIUM TO ASHAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Mission Steering Group has approved for payment of monthly honorarium to Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) alongwith performance incentives;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether his ministry has objected to the proposal; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No. ASHAs are voluntary Social Health Activists who act as a link between community and health facilities. Performance based monetary incentives are paid to ASHAs under the National Rural Health Mission for performing certain activities. Mission steering Group in its latest meeting held on 16th April, 2012 considered payment of additional incentives to ASHAs for activities related to Family Planning, Immunization Programme, National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Programme and for conducting village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Commi ttee meetings.

(c) & (d): Question does not arise.