

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

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ALLOWANCE TO ASHAS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) workers in the country alongwith the details of their functions and wages paid to them;
- (b) the details of monthly salary/allowance paid to Anganwadi workers vis-a-vis ASHA workers;
- (c) whether the Steering Committee of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has recommended payment of monthly allowance to ASHA workers also on the line of Anganwadi workers; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for delay in implementation of the said recommendations?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Under National Rural Health Mission, the States have selected 8.61 Lakh Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) out of which 8.03 Lakh ASHAs have been trained. ASHA is envisaged as a trained community health volunteer who acts as a link between the Community and the Health System. They facilitate access to referral services for pregnant woman, mobilize community for universal immunization, new born care, prevention of water borne and communicable disease etc.

ASHAs being a Community Health Volunteer, are not paid regular wages. However, ASHAs are being given incentives for carrying out various activities under different programmes.

The Anganwadi Workers are being paid a monthly honorarium ranging from Rs. 2938/- to Rs. 3063/-.

(c) No.

(d) In light of answer to (c) above, question does not arise.