

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:406  
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HONORARIUM TO ASHA ACTIVISTS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any Committee under the National Rural Health Mission had taken a decision to give Rs. 500 per month as honorarium for Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA), the health activists; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) Yes. In the fourth meeting of Mission Steering Group HFM informed the members that monthly honorarium to ASHA @ Rs.500/- per month shall be implemented after the approval of the approval of the Ministry of Finance.

(b) However, Ministry of Finance pointed out that the proposal of a fixed monthly remuneration to ASHAs run contrary to the approach of performance linked remuneration adopted by the Department earlier and approved by the Cabinet in July, 2006. The rationale for the proposed change in policy is not justified, so it is difficult to support the proposal. Hence it was not approved.