

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INVOLVEMENT OF ASHA TO COMBAT TB
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ASHA workers help in tackling challenge posed by increased cases of Tuberculosis Bacteria (TB) across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made so far in this direction?

Answer

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

(a): Yes.

(b): Under the Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP), ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers have been trained as provider of the DOTS (Directly Observed Treatment Short-course). They help the Programme by identifying and referring patients with history of cough for more than two weeks to the nearest Designated Microscopy Centre for sputum examination. They also keep a track and ensure that the patient takes medicines and completes the treatment. In addition, they also spread awareness about the TB and the services available under the RNTCP. ASHAs are paid an incentive of Rs. 250/- per case after completion of treatment.