

Increase in remuneration of ASHA activist

†2088. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) working in the country at present under National Rural Health Mission, State-wise;

(b) whether ASHA activists have justified the purpose of their appointment by bringing about positive result;

(c) if so, the details of the monthly remuneration fixed for the ASHA activist along with the nature thereof;

(d) whether the remuneration being paid to these activists is rational in view of increasing inflation at present;

(e) if not, whether Government would increase the monthly remuneration of these activists to subsistence level; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The State-wise information is given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) Review Mission reports and evaluation of ASHA programme in select states demonstrate that ASHAs have been effective in mobilisation for immunisation and in increasing institutional deliveries.

(c) to (f) There is no monthly remuneration fixed for ASHAs. They are given performance based incentives in line with their role as honorary volunteers. The incentive structure of ASHAs is reviewed periodically. Recently, activities for which ASHAs would get incentives have been expanded and the rates of existing incentives have been also been enhanced. States have also been given the flexibility to design appropriate incentives for ASHAs.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Name	Number of ASHA selected
High Focus States	
Bihar	84860
Chhattisgarh	66672
Himachal Pradesh	16888
Jammu and Kashmir	10683
Jharkhand	40964
Madhya Pradesh	56218
Odisha	43394
Rajasthan	51667
Uttar Pradesh	136094
Uttarakhand	11086
North East	
Assam	29693
Arunachal Pradesh	3761
Manipur	3878
Meghalaya	6258
Mizoram	987
Nagaland	1854
Sikkim	641
Tripura	7367

Name	Number of ASHA selected
Non High Focus States	
Andhra Pradesh	70700
Delhi	4692
Gujarat	31976
Haryana	15707
Karnataka	34860
Kerala	31829
Maharashtra	58915
Punjab	16800
Tamil Nadu**	3905
West Bengal	47720
Union Territories	
Andaman and Nicobar Island	407
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	169
Lakshadweep	110
Daman and Diu	64
TOTAL	890819

** Only in tribal areas

Source: MIS September 2013

Centrally-assisted health projects in Tamil Nadu

2089. DR. V. MAITREYAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :