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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 286
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th DECEMBER, 2023

STRIKES BY ASHA WORKERS

286. SMT. VANDANA CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the current strike being conducted by ASHA workers in Pune, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government would provide details of protests conducted by ASHA workers in the past five years, State-wise; and
- (c) whether Government has planned any changes or new schemes for ASHA workers regarding their demands and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (b) As informed by the State of Maharashtra, ASHAs and ASHA Facilitators were on strike from 18th Oct 2023 to 10th Nov. 2023 for their demands regarding online work, Diwali Bonus and consideration of ASHA Facilitators as contractual employee under NHM. Further, details of protests conducted by ASHA workers are discussed in the State-level review meetings/ National Programme Coordination Committee meetings based on the feedback received from States/ UTs.

(c) ASHAs are envisaged to be community health volunteer and entitled to task/activity based incentives. ASHAs receive a fixed monthly incentive of Rs. 2000 per month in the country, for routine and recurring activities. Additionally, they are provided performance-based incentives

for a varied set of activities under various National Health Programmes. The Government has approved additional incentives for ASHAs in September, 2022. The details of these ASHA incentives are available on the following Uniform Resources Locator (URL):

<https://nhsrindia.org/sites/default/files/2023-02/ASHA%20Incentives.pdf>

States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) have also been given flexibility to provide a range of monetary incentives to the ASHAs details of which are placed at **Annexure**.

After the launch of the Ayushman Bharat scheme with operationalization of Ayushman Bharat- Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs), ASHAs are now additionally eligible for Team Based Incentives (TBIs) along with ANMs based on monitored performance indicators (up to Rs. 1000 per month).

In the year 2018, the ASHA benefit package was introduced acknowledging significant contribution and commitment of ASHAs. The package providing coverage for:

- Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Beema Yojana (PMJJBY) with a benefit Rs. 2.00 Lakh in case of death of the insured (annual premium contributed by GOI).
- Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Beema Yojana (PMSBY) with a benefit of Rs.2.00 lakh for accidental death or permanent disability; Rs. 1.00 lakh for partial disability (annual premium contributed by GOI).

In Addition, Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan Dhan (PM-SYM) with pension benefit of Rs. 3000 pm after age of 60 years (50% contribution of premium by GOI and 50% by beneficiaries) is also available for ASHA workers.

The Government has also approved a cash award of Rs. 20,000/- and a citation to ASHAs who leave the programme after working as ASHAs for minimum of 10 years, as acknowledgement of their contribution.

State-wise details of monetary incentives provided to the ASHAs

SN	Name of States	State Specific Incentives for ASHAs from State Funds
1	Andhra Pradesh	Provides balance amount to match the total incentive of Rs.10, 000/PM/ASHA
2	Arunachal Pradesh	100% top-up, frequency of disbursement quarterly
3	Assam	Rs.1000/PM/ASHA from FY 2018-2019
4	Bihar	Rs. 1000/PM/ASHA for defined indicators related to Immunization, Child Health, Maternal Health, and Family Planning, etc. (for achieving any four out of the six defined indicators)
5	Chhattisgarh	75% of matching- amount of incentives over the above incentives earned by an ASHA as a top-up on an annual
6	Delhi	Rs.3000/PM/ASHA for functional ASHA (against the 12 core activities performed by ASHA)
7	Gujarat	Provides 50% top-up - frequency of disbursement quarterly
8	Haryana	Rs.4000/PM/ASHA and 50% top-up (Excluding Routine recurring incentive) and Rs. 450/- additional linked with performance of 05 Major RCH activities
9	Himachal Pradesh	Rs.2750/PM/ASHA
10	Kerala	Rs.6000/PM/ASHA
11	Karnataka	Rs.5000/PM/ASHA
12	Manipur	Rs. 1000/PM/ASHA recently declared by state FY 2021-22- modalities of payment still to be finalized
13	Madhya Pradesh	100% against 07 specified activities (JSY, HBNC, LBW & SNCU Follow-ups, Iron Sucrose follow-ups of anaemic PW, Early Registration of PW, Full Immunization and Complete Immunization)
14	Meghalaya	Rs.2000/PM/ASHA
15	Maharashtra	Rs.3500/PM/ASHA from FY 2021-22
16	Odisha	Rs.1000 /PM/ASHA from state fund launched on April 1st, 2018
17	Punjab	Rs. 2500/PM/ASHA
18	Rajasthan	Rs. 3564/PM/ASHA
19	Sikkim	Rs. 6000/PM/ASHA
20	Tripura	Provides 100% top-up against 08 specified activities and 33.33% top-up based on other activities.
21	Telangana	Provides balance amount to match the total incentive of Rs. 7500/month
22	Uttarakhand	Rs.5000/year and Rs. 3000/PM/ASHA with 10% top-up
23	Uttar Pradesh	Rs.1500/PM/ASHA linked with proportion of routine incentives to be paid to the ASHAs in the month
24	West Bengal	Rs.4500/PM/ASHA