

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

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INTEGRATED NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH MISSION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to include public health care workers in the Integrated National Rural Health Mission;
- (a) if so, whether the National Advisory Council has sent any recommendations to the Government in this regard; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Government is likely to take a decision in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) Under the National Rural Health Mission, one of the key components is to provide a trained female voluntary health activist known as Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA). She will be selected by and accountable to the community and shall promote community level services such as Universal Immunization, referral and escort services for reproductive and child health and other healthcare programmes and promotion of household toilets. She will be trained to utilize a drug kit, and would be the first port of call for any health related demands.
- (b) The NAC has given its comments and observations for making the mission more effective.
- (c) The Ministry is finalizing an implementation plan for the NRHM which is inter alia addressing the comments and observations of the NAC.