

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

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DISTRICT HEALTH MISSION

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has nay proposal to set up a "District Health Mission" as reported in the Newspaper The Rashtriya Sahara dated November 19, 2005;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) whether it is being launched as "ASHA" ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether yearly expenses on this Mission has been estimated;
- (f) if so, the period for which the said mission has been planned ;
- (g) whether it is proposed to be started in all States; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Under the National Rural Health Mission, the District Health Mission (DHM) is being set up under the Chairpersonship of the Chairman, Zilla Parishad. The District Collector/DM is the Co-Chairperson and the CEO Zila Parishad is the Vice Chairperson of the DHM. The members of the DHM include the MPs, MLAs, MLCs from the district, Chair-persons of the Standing Committees of the Zilla Parishad, Project Officer (DRDA), Chair-persons of the Panchayat Samitis and Hospital Management Societies, District Programme Managers for health, PHED, ICDS, AYUSH, education, social welfare, Panchayati Raj, State representative, representatives of MNGO/SNGO, etc.

The generic guidelines for number of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) to be selected, selection procedure and performance linked incentives have been disseminated to the states. Under the NRHM, 2.5 lakh ASHA are proposed to be engaged in ten states by involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions in a phased manner. ASHAs would reinforce community action for universal immunization, safe/ institutional delivery, other Reproductive & Health related services, newborn care, prevention of water-borne and other communicable diseases, nutrition and sanitation. ASHAs would be selected by the Panchayat and be fully accountable to them. Though she would not be paid any salary, she would be entitled for performance linked incentives under different programmes.

(c) The ASHA is one of the strategic activities under the National Rural Health Mission.

(d) The National Rural Health Mission is a strategy for undertaking architectural correction in the Public health care delivery system by addressing the entire gamut of issues relating to public health in rural areas. The areas of concern which are directly addressed by the Mission include upgradation of the Infrastructure, upgradation of the available manpower and introduction of a health provider resident to the village and the decentralization of the planning process

(e) Yes Sir, The Budgetary outlay for the NRHM is part of the overall budget of the Ministry. The outlay for the FY 2005-06 is Rs. 6,731 crore.

(f) The mission period for the NRHM is 2005-2012.

(g) & (h): The National Rural Health Mission is operational over the entire country with special focus in 18 States viz. 8 Empowered Action Group States (Bihar, Jharkhand, M.P, Chhattisgarh, U.P., Uttaranchal, Orissa and Rajasthan), 8 North East States (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura) Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.