

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

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SETTING UP OF DISTRICT HEALTH MISSION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up the District Health Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether ASHA will be paid wages commensurate with the work under this mission;
- (d) whether any policy is being formulated to earmark annual funds to be spent under this mission;
- (e) whether for implementation of the said mission areas have been identified according to their population; and
- (f) if so, the timeframe fixed for implementation of the said mission?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, District Health Missions have been set up in all the states.
- (c.) ASHA is a voluntary worker who shall receive performance linked incentives. She is not envisaged to get any salary/wages.
- (d) The allocation under NRHM shall be part of the overall allocation of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- (e) & (f) NRHM is being operationalized throughout the country, with special focus on 18 states which includes Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Orissa, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and eight North Eastern States viz. Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura and Sikkim. The High Focus states have been selected in view of relatively weaker health & demographic indicators / health infrastructure. The Mission is operative from 2005 to 2012. Population is one of the criteria for allocation of funds to the States.