

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 601
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH NOVEMBER, 2016**

NRHM

601. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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

- (a) number of villages required to have an Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) at present under the National Rural Health Mission and number of villages actually having such activists;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans to increase the ASHA staff per village to ensure better coverage; and
- (c) details of review and monitoring mechanism for appraising the work of ASHA?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) & (b): Public Health is a State subject. Under the National Health Mission (NHM), support is provided to States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare system including for Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) based on proposals received from State/UT governments. As per the guidelines, ASHAs are to be selected based on population norm of one ASHA per 1000 population except in tribal, hilly and desert areas where the norm can be relaxed to one ASHA per habitation, depending on the workload, geographic dispersion, and difficult terrain. The information on ASHAs is not maintained village-wise. However, the State-wise information on number of ASHAs selected as on March, 2016 is at Annexure.

(c): The review mechanism for ASHA programme has been outlined in the guidelines, as follows:

- i) ASHA facilitator visits every ASHA at least once a month for on the job mentoring and supportive supervision.
- ii) Monthly meeting of ASHA and facilitators is held at PHC level.
- iii) Monthly review meeting of ASHA facilitators is organized with Block coordinators at block level and of block coordinators with district community mobilizer at district level.

In addition, other block, district and state level programme officials also review the ASHA programme during field visits and review meetings.

Status of ASHAs Selected under NRHM (as on March 2016)		
S. No.	States/UTs	Selected
1	Bihar	85387
2	Chattisgarh	66713
3	Himachal Pradesh	24441
4	Jammu & Kashmir	11686
5	Jharkhand	40964
6	Madhya Pradesh	64627
7	Odisha	44583
8	Rajasthan	52407
9	Uttar Pradesh	146588
10	Uttarakhand	11086
11	Arunachal Pradesh	3826
12	Assam	30730
13	Manipur	3980
14	Meghalaya	6354
15	Mizoram	1091
16	Nagaland	1887
17	Sikkim	666
18	Tripura	7590
19	Andhra Pradesh	42681
20	Goa	0
21	Gujarat	36029
22	Haryana	17404
23	Karnataka	41497
24	Kerala	31829
25	Maharashtra	58257
26	Punjab	18722
27	Tamil Nadu	3905
28	Telangana	28439
29	West Bengal	51322
30	A & N Islands	407
31	Chandigarh	50
32	D & N Haveli	338
33	Daman & Diu	80
34	Delhi	7118
35	Lakshadweep	102
36	Puducherry	0
Total		942786

* Source: MIS