

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4105  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2017**

**ASHA Project at NIOS**

4105. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data about the Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) project started at National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any data of the staff employed in ASHA project at NIOS in the country;

(c) whether the NIOS have finalised the ASHA staff in all the States for the ASHA project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise, if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)**

(a) to (d) : National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) signed an MOU on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 with National Health System Resource Centre (NHSRC), the technical wing of the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW), Govt. of India for certification of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and Accreditation of Associated Agencies in ASHA Training under the National Health Mission (NHM). The activities under this project are -

- (i) Adaptation of curriculum into 200 hours of Vocational Studies
- (ii) Develop Certification guidelines for training sites and trainers
- (iii) Develop a protocol for Recognition of Prior Learning for trainers
- (iv) Set up of Certification Cell in National and Regional Centres of NIOS
- (v) Accreditation of District Training sites as AVIs of NIOS
- (vi) Registration of ASHAs and ASHA Facilitators in the Vocational program
- (vii) Develop and print learning study guide for ASHA and ASHA facilitators
- (viii) Conduct final examination for ASHA and ASHA facilitators and issue certificates

NIOS has engaged ten (10) staff members for ASHA Project. The staff is working in the States of U.P., Sikkim, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat and NIOS Headquarters. For remaining States NIOS is in the process of engaging the staff. The details of staff working in different States are as under :

<b>State (City)/UT</b>	<b>No. of Staff</b>
Uttar Pradesh (NOIDA)	05 (NIOS Headquarters)
Sikkim (Gangtok)	02
Chhattisgarh (Raipur)	02
Gujarat (Gandhi Nagar)	01