

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1985
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th DECEMBER, 2017**

ASHA PROGRAMME

1985. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether any assessment of ASHA Programme has been done by any independent body;
- (b) if so, the name of that body along with expenditure incurred in this regard and the scientific method used by it and the conclusion of the research assessment; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for not conducting an assessment even after 10 years of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and National Health Mission (NHM)?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): ASHA programme has been assessed by:-

- Erstwhile Planning Commission as study titled “Evaluation Study of NRHM”. The study was commissioned by the programme evaluation organization of the Planning Commission and conducted by Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) in 2010-11. The details of study including scientific method used and the conclusion of the research assessment is available in public domain at <http://planningcommission.gov.in/reports/peoreport/index.php>
- International Advisory Panel and conducted by the Earth Institute, Columbia University and the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad in 2010 as study titled “Improving the performance of ASHA in India”. The details of study including scientific method used and the conclusion of the research assessment is available in public domain at https://s3.amazonaws.com/academia.edu.documents/39134141/557280f808ae7536374e00e2.pdf20151012-16080-1muce2l.pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAIWOWYYGZ2Y53UL3A&Expires=1514377596&Signature=vrId6tDK7IXOZg0pdnoMNBvimHQ%3D&response-content-disposition=inline%3B%20filename%3DIMPROVING_THE_PERFORMANCE_OF_ACCREDITED.pdf

Expenditure for the above two study were not incurred by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

(c): Does not arise in respect of (a) & (b) above.