

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1989  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2017**

**NATIONAL ASHA MENTORING GROUP**

**1989. DR. BHOLA SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted National ASHA Mentoring Group (NAMG) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the objectives of the National ASHA Mentoring Group;
- (c) the names of its members and the date from which they are holding its membership;
- (d) the details of selection process of members and expenditure incurred in this regard; and
- (e) whether any term has been fixed for its members and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): Ministry has set up National ASHA Mentoring Group (NAMG) comprising of leading NGOs and well known experts on community health for supervision and support of the ASHA Programme. The objectives of NAMG is at Annexure-I. The names of the members along with the time since when they are members of NAMG is at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): Under NAMG, except for the provision of state nodal officers who are Ex-officio members, with a tenure of two years each, there is no fixed tenure of the members. Consequently, a person after being nominated to the NAMG remains a member till the next reconstitution of NAMG. On reconstitution of NAMG she / he continue to be a member if her/his name has been retained in the reconstituted NAMG.

No honorarium is paid to the NAMG members. They provide their support and advice on voluntary basis. Only their travel and stay costs are borne, on 'actual basis' when they attend the NAMG meeting, or when they conduct a visit to a state to provide support to the state (which is part of their role as per the objectives of NAMG).

**Objectives of National ASHA Mentoring Group:**

1. Provide technical guidance and inputs for policy to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on overall implementation and development of the ASHA Programme.
2. Identify one or few a states and provide on-site Mentoring through periodic supportive supervision visits.
3. Meet on a bi-annual basis to share the major observations and provide assessment reports related to programme progress, challenges and innovations across different states.
4. Identify constrains; provide feedback and strategic recommendations to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and state officials for appropriate interventions.
5. Support in undertaking programme evaluation at regular intervals, to enable evidence based understanding of programme effectiveness and propose strategies for improved outcomes.
6. Facilitate scale up of ASHA trainings through-serving as training site, supporting in identification or selection of trainers, assisting in training curriculum design and providing inputs for/developing training material.
7. Identify the emerging priorities and support in planning future goals to enable long term sustenance of the programme.

**Present List of NAMG members and date since they are member**

	<b>Name of NAMG member</b>	<b>Date of becoming NAMG member</b>
1	Ms. InduCapoor Director Centre for Health Education, Training and Nutrition Awareness (CHETNA), Supath-II B Blcok, 3rd Floor, OppVadaj Bus Terminal, Ashram road, Vadaj Ahemadabad-380013, Gujarat	5 July 2005
2	Dr.NupurBasu Advisor-CINI Training Child In Need Institute (CINI), Vollage& PO Daulatpur, Via Joka, Dist South 24 Pargana, West Bengal-700104	6 August 2009
3	Dr. N F Mistry Director Foundation for Research in Community Health (FRCH), 84 A, RG Thadani Marg, Worli, Mumbai- 400018, Maharashtra	6 August 2009
4	Dr.AlokMukopadhyay CEO Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI), B-40, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi- 10016	5 July 2005
5	Dr.Abhay Bang Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health (SEARCH), Shodhgram, P O & District- Gadchiroli (Maharashtra)- 442605	5 July 2005

6	Dr.Prabir Chatterjee Executive Director State Health Resource Centre, BijliChowk, Kalibari, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	17 May 2014
7	Dr. H. Sudarshan Secretary Karuna Trust, 686, Karuna Trust 16th A main, 38th Cross Jayanagar, T Block Banglore- 560041	5 July 2005
8	Dr. M. R. Rajagopal Chairman Pallium India S-10, Vrindavan Gardens, Opposite Pattom Traffic Police Station, Pattom, Trivandrum 695004, Kerala	13 December 2012
9	Dr.RakhalGaitonde SOCHARA, C/o Balamandir Research Foundation, 31, Balamandir Compound, Prakasam Street, Chennai-600017	13 December 2012
10	Dr. Prashant K Tripathy Ekjut, Plot 556B, Potka, Chkradharpur, West Singbhum- 833102 Jharkhand	13 December 2012
11	Ms. Sulakshana Nandi State Convenor Public Health Resource Network 28, New Panchsheel Nagar, Near KatoraTalab, Civil Lines, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001	13 December 2012

12	Dr. Raman Kataria Jan SwasthyaSahyog, I-4, Parijat Colony Nehru Nagar Bilaspur - 495 001 Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh	15 April 2014
13	Dr.Amod Kumar (Kant) St. Stephen's Hospital St. Stephen's Hospital Marg Tis Hazari Delhi 110401	13 December 2012
14	Dr.Vikram Patel Sangath, 841/1, Behind Electricity Dept., Alto Porvorim, Bardez, Goa - 403 521	13 December 2012
15	Dr.Armida Fernandez Founder Trustee SNEHA, SNEHA Behind Bldg. No. 11, BMC Colony Shastri Nagar Santa Cruz (West) Mumbai - 400 054	15 April 2014
16	Dr.RajaniVed NHSRC, NIHFW Campus, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067	6 August 2009
17 <sup>1</sup>	Ms. SrabaniMajumder, State NGO Coordinator, Department of Health & Family Welfare SwasthyaBhawan, GN- 29, Sector- 5, Salt Lake City,Kolkata – 700091 (West Bengal)	11 January 2017

<sup>1</sup> The members listed at serial no. 17 to 21 are State Nodal Officers made Ex-officio members for a period of two years.

18	<p>Dr. Rajesh Jha  General Manager(CP) &amp; Nodal Officer(ASHA)  SPMU-NRHM, Om Kailash Tower 19-A,  VidhanSabhaMarg,  Lucknow – 226 001 (Uttar Pradesh)</p>	11 January 2017
19	<p>Ms. ChubalaPongen  State Programme Manager-CP,  O/o Mission Director (NHM)  Department of Health &amp; Family Welfare,  Govt. of Nagaland, RuziezouKohima, Nagaland-797001</p>	11 January 2017
20	<p>Dr.Rajkumar. N,  ASHA Nodal Officer, Deputy Director (FW &amp; MH)  Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services  Govt of Karnataka,  Karnataka.</p>	11 January 2017
21	<p>Dr. Monika Rana  State Program Officer  Delhi State Health Mission  6th Floor, B-Wing, VikasBhawan,  Civil Lines, Near Metcalf House,  New Delhi – 110054</p>	11 January 2017