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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 200 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER. 2017

JOB SECURITY OF ASHA WORKERS

200. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

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

- (a) whether the Government intends to announce more welfare schemes for the job security of ASHA workers of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has noticed the reluctance of some State Governments in giving more facilities to them; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to increase their wages and other benefits?

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

- (a) & (b): Under the National Health Mission (NHM) Accredited Social Health Activists or ASHAs are envisaged as honorary volunteers who received only task/activity based incentives. They do not receive fixed monthly remuneration. Public Health being a State subject, as per the Framework for Implementation of NHM, States have the flexibility to design ASHA incentives.
- (c): No such information has been brought to our notice.
- (d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.