

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 595  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2018**

**CERTIFICATION OF ASHA WORKERS**

**595. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:**

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to certify the Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the National Institute of Open School is designated to certify the ASHA, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the cost involved in certification and the perceived outcome thereof?

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

- (a): Under the National Health Mission, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has rolled out a programme for certification of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and accreditation of training sites and trainers.
- (b): National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is tasked with undertaking process of accreditation of trainers and training sites, and certification of ASHAs as per the tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC).
- (c): As per MoU, the total cost for certification of ASHAs and Accreditation of Associated Agencies in ASHA training certification process is about Rs 19 crore. The perceived outcome is certification of skills and competencies of ASHAs.