

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4341
ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023

ASHA PROJECT

4341. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) Project given to National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS);
- (b) if so, the details of the purpose for which the ASHA project was given to NIOS and the year by which the given project will be made functional by (NIOS);
- (c) the details about the funds received by NIOS during the last six years, State-wise along with the expenditure by each State;
- (d) the details of the vacant period of ASHA staff in Gujarat NIOS;
- (e) whether the Government has any details about the funds used for ASHA Project during 2017 to 2022;
- (f) if so, the details of funds used and unused;
- (g) the details of the salary paid to State Consultant and Project Assistant of ASHA Project; and
- (h) the details of the work progress from 2017 to 2022, year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) and (b) : A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), National Health System Resource Centre (NHSRC) & National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for Skill Development, Assessment & Certification of 9 lakh ASHA health workers in the year 2014. The duration of the project was initially for the period from 2014 – 2019 and was further renewed upto 2024.

(c) : Funds are received for the project as a whole and not State-wise. Total funds received by NIOS for the period 2014-19 is Rs.7,64,72,049/-. Expenditure is made against total number of registration and certification of ASHA in the State. Expenditure for an amount of Rs. 5,73,69,795/- has been made. State-wise details are **annexed**.

(d) : The engagement of employees on contractual basis for the ASHA project in Gujarat was for a period upto August, 2018. On renewal of the project in January 2023, process is being initiated to appoint fresh staff.

(e) : The details of funds used for ASHA project during 2017 to 2022 are as under :-

Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-2021	2021-22
Funds Used (in Rs.)	87,67,515/	1,13,33,219	1,36,65,431	89,58,587	1,46,45,043

(f) : A total of Rs. 5,73,69,795/- was used by NIOS for the project and Rs.1,91,02,254/- is with the NIOS as an unspent balance.

(g) : The salary paid to ASHA staff is Rs.3,53,77,760/-.

(h) : The year wise details of the work progress from 2017 to 2022 are as under

Year	No. of ASHA workers appeared for certification	Certified
2017-18	2256	2214
2018-19	24540	21858
2019-20	13862	12470
2020-21	10991	9384
2021-22	6148	5042
Total	57797	50968

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PART (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4341 FOR ANSWER ON 27.03.2023 ASKED BY SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD REGARDING ASHA PROJECT.

S. No.	Name of State	Expenditure (Rs)
1.	Assam	1825163
2.	Chhatisgarh	1847236
3	Delhi	1368591
4.	Gujarat	1118354
5.	Himachal Pradesh	1404569
6.	Jammu& Kashmir	58164
7.	Jharkhand	1874057
8.	Karnatak	4777528
9	Madhyap Pradesh	1230632
10	Maharastra	59255
11	Odisha	373183
12	Punjab	1109192
13	Sikkim	1015311
14	Uttrakhand	1344906
15	West Bengal	805482
	Total expenditure made by Regional Centre, Statewise	20211623
	Expenditure made for other activities by NIOS	37158172
	Grand Total	57369795