

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2330
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH MARCH, 2016**

SAFETY OF HEALTH WORKERS

2330. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

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

- (a) the number of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) presently working in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the such health workers lack adequate security;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has directed the States to ensure safety of such health workers and to set up a Complaint Committee or Cell as per Vishaka guidelines; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the States thereon, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a): The State/UT-wise number of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) & Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) as on 30 September, 2015 is at Annexure.

(b) to (d): Public health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure security of health workers lies within the domain of the State Governments. The Central Government has been flagging the issue of safety and security of ASHAs from time to time. The Central Government has, while drawing attention of the States to the requirement to set up a Complaint Committee or Cell as per Vishaka guidelines, requested the States to ensure that such Committee are strengthened and activated for addressing issues related to sexual harassment of female health workers.

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Annexure

Number of ASHAs and ANMs selected under NRHM (As on September, 2015)			
Sl.no.	State	ASHAs	ANMs
1	Bihar	85272	9670
2	Chhatisgarh	66713	832
3	Himachal Pradesh	24440	150
4	Jammu & Kashmir	11686	2281
5	Jharkhand	40964	5185
6	Madhya Pradesh	60400	5022
7	Orissa	44583	1037
8	Rajasthan	52173	2321
9	Uttar Pradesh	139928	4949
10	Uttarakhand	11086	361
11	Arunachal Pradesh	3827	430
12	Assam	30730	5184
13	Manipur	3959	449
14	Meghalaya	6354	432
15	Mizoram	987	440
16	Nagaland	1887	305
17	Sikkim	666	82
18	Tripura	7590	58
19	Andhra Pradesh	42681	6241
20	Goa	0	36
21	Gujarat	35774	582
22	Haryana	17404	3324
23	Karnataka	41497	702
24	Kerala	31829	877
25	Maharashtra	59118	5360
26	Punjab	18593	1952
27	Tamil Nadu	3905	618
28	Telangana	28439	4326
29	West Bengal	51080	8608
30	A&N Island	407	81
31	Chandigarh	50	146
32	D&N Haveli	241	55
33	Daman & Diu	78	20
34	Delhi	6796	754
35	Lakshadweep	102	34
36	Puducherry	0	80
All India		931239	72984

Source: MIS