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

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2152 TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2016

#### PAYMENT OF REMUNERATION TO HEALTH WORKERS

## 2152. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that there has been a delay in the payment of remuneration to health workers under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(a): Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility of timely payment of remuneration to health workers under National Rural Health Mission is that of respective State/UT Government. Certain instances of delay in payment of incentives to community health workers namely ASHAs had come to the notice of the Central Government.

(b): Letters have been sent to States/UTs from time to time to ensure timely payment to ASHAs and this is emphasised during video conference and review visits. Under NHM, support is also provided to States/ UTs to adopt Public Financial Management System (PFMS) for payment to ASHAs, which would ensure transparency and timely payment.