

# Welfare of Asha Workers

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Rs. 6309.91 crore have been released to States/UTs under Management and containment of Covid19 under the India Covid19 Health System Preparedness and Emergency Response Package during financial year 2020-21 (up to 19-1-2021).

Further Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package Insurance scheme was introduced for all healthcare workers including ASHAs engaged for Covid19 response. The insurance scheme provides a life insurance cover of Rs. 50 lakhs in case of death due to Covid19. An incentive of Rs. 1000/-per month is provisioned for ASHAs engaged in Covid19 response, under the India Covid19 package. As per reports received from States/UTs till November, 2020, 9,53,445 ASHAs and 36,716 ASHA Facilitators have received supplementary Covid19 payment. No such delay has been reported.

ASHAs are envisaged to be community health volunteers and are entitled to task/activity based incentives including for coverage under:

- Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Beema Yojana (premium of Rs. 330 contributed by GOI)
- Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Beema Yojana (premium of Rs. 12 contributed by GOI)
- Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan Dhan (50% contribution of premium by GOI and 50% by beneficiaries)

The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), Sh. Ashwini Kumar Choubey stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha here today.

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