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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Department of Health and Family Welfare
(MH Division)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Constitution of Mentoring Group for ASHA.

The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched on 12th April 2005. Operationalization of the ASHA initiative is an important strategic intervention under the Mission. The Guidelines of the ASHA scheme have been drawn in consultation with the Task Group on ASHA. Further, 10 Health Professionals have been nominated as members of the Mission Steering Group (MSG) to advise the Mission at the national level in policy and operations, including operationalization of ASHA scheme.

It has now been decided to constitute a Mentoring Group for ASHA, which shall act as a Standing Technical Resource Group to assist the Central and State Governments in overall implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the scheme.

The members of the Mentoring Group are as follows:

S. No.	Name	State	Name of the Organization
1	Dr. Abhay Bang	Maharashtra	SEARCH, Gadchiroli,
2	Dr. Alok Mukhopadhyay	Delhi	VHAI, New Delhi
3	Ms. Indu Capoor	Gujarat	CHETNA, Ahmedabad
4	Dr. K. Pappu	West Bengal	CINI, Kolkata
5	Dr. N.H. Antia	Maharashtra	FRCH, Pune
6	Dr. Rani Bang	Maharashtra	SEARCH, Gadchiroli,
7	Dr. Sharad D. Iyengar	Rajasthan	ARTH, Udaipur
8	Dr. Shyam Ashtekar	Maharashtra	School of Health, Nasik
9	Dr. Sunder Raman	Chhattisgarh	Dir. SHRC, Raipur
10	Dr. Sudershan	Karnataka	VGKK, Bangalore
11	Dr. Thelma Narayanan	Karnataka	Coordinator, Community Health Cell, Bangalore
12	Dr. Vijay Aruldas	Delhi	CMAI, New Delhi

The advice of the Mentoring Group can be accessed by the States as per their specific needs, for the operationalization and monitoring of the ASHA initiative at State level. The States may seek assistance of one or more members of the Group, under

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intimation to Mission Director (NRHM). The expenditure involved for accessing such assistance by the States, including the TA/DA and holding advisory meetings shall be borne by the respective States. For the meetings of the Group organized in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi, the members from outstation shall be eligible for TA/DA as per the entitlement. Deputy Commissioner (MH), DoHFW, GOI shall be the convener of the Mentoring Group.

This issues with the approval of Secretary (H&FW).

Sd/-
(Dr. Manoj Kumar)
Assistant Commissioner to the Government of India

To

All Members of the Mission Steering Group
All Members of the Mentoring Group for ASHA

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All Officers (Director level and above) in the Department of Health & Family Welfare
Secretaries (H&FW) of 8 EAG States, Assam and Jammu & Kashmir

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