

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH MISSION
SWASTHYA BHAVAN, 4th FLOOR, GN-29,
SECTOR V, BIDHANNAGAR
KOLKATA 700091**

No HFW/NRHM/277/06

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From: **H. K. Dwivedi, IAS**
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Department of Health and Family Welfare,
Government of West Bengal.

To: **The Sabhadhipati / District Magistrate / CMOH,**
_____ District

Sub: Engagement of Honorary Health Workers (ASHA) under NRHM

Sir / Madam,

The department had earlier taken up engagement of one Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) for every 1,000 population to serve as a link between the community and the rural health system in selected 22 blocks of 14 districts. It has now been decided to extend the Scheme in the following 38 blocks of 13 districts of the State:

Name of the District	Sl. No.	Name of the Blocks to be covered	No of ASHA
Bankura	1	Saltora	122
	2	Hirbandh	73
Birbhum	3	Murarai-II	178
	4	Md Bazar	139
	5	Rajnagar	70
	6	Nalhati	209
Coochbehar	7	Setai	96
Dakshin Dinajpur	8	Banshihari	122
	9	Tapan	226
Darjeeling	10	Kharibari	88
	11	Naxalbari	129
Jalpaiguri	12	Nagrakata	116
	13	Madarihat	185
	14	Kumargram	168
	15	Matiali	106
	16	Alipurduar-I	151
	17	Mal	265
Malda	18	Habib Pur	171
	19	Kaliachak-I	311

	20	Bamangola	127
	21	Kaliachak-II	211
Murshidabad	22	Lalgola	268
	23	Bhagwangola-I	163
	24	Khargram	235
	25	Bhagwangola-II	130
North 24-Parganas	26	Sandeshkhali-I	140
	27	Minakhan	169
	28	Hasnabad	178
	29	Hingalganj	156
Paschim Medinipur	30	Binpur-I	139
	31	Gopiballavpur-II	93
	32	Salboni	165
Purulia	33	Arsha	129
	34	Jhalda-I	116
	35	Manbazar-II	85
South 24-Parganas	36	Basanti	279
	37	Kultali	188
Uttar Dinajpur	38	Karandighi	305
TOTAL			6201

2. The selection of ASHA would be based on merit determined on the basis of marks obtained by the candidate in the Madhyamik or equivalent examination (Mark sheet is provided to candidates even in case of failure). The weightage would be as follows:

Merit : 80%

Interview : 20%

Women candidates who are Madhyamik pass or are possessing higher qualification are also eligible. However, in case of candidates possessing higher qualification, only marks obtained in Madhyamik or equivalent qualification will be considered.

3. The selection of ASHA of the 2nd phase should be completed latest by **31st January, 2007**. You are requested to convene an urgent meeting with the BDO, BMOH and Sabhapati of the respective blocks and the District Core Team in order to apprise them of the scheme and for drawing of Plan of Action for selection and engagement of ASHAs.

4. Kindly ensure that adequate publicity for inviting applications should be given in the local area so that all deserving candidates fulfilling the criteria may get an opportunity to apply. The application from the prospective candidates would be deposited with the Gram Panchayat. A separate register for documenting all the application so received should be maintained at the Gram Panchayat. The deadline for receipt of application may be fixed locally at your end keeping in mind that the entire selection process has to be completed by **31st January, 2007**. The final list of the selected candidates G.P. and village-wise should be submitted to the State by **15th**

