Dear

As you are aware, the Ministry and State Governments have been seized with the issue of charting career path for the ASHAs. It is gathered that in some states, ASHAs are enrolling in Open School Systems to obtain Class X and Class XII qualification which would enable them to enroll in ANM and Nurses Training Schools or pursue other career opportunities. This is a welcome step and needs to be actively supported and encouraged.

2. The Ministry has encouraged career progression for the ASHAs and has reiterated the same on several occasions. Thus, I would like to request you to identify those ASHAs who aspire to obtain academic qualification for Class X and Class XII and support their registration with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). This cost can be met out of the NHM funds. Further, those ASHAs who are already eligible for admission in ANM/GNM schools may be given priority in admissions in these schools.

3. May I request you to initiate action in this regard and provide an action taken to the ministry regarding the same

With regards

Yours sincerely

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