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**D.O Letter No Z.28015/16/2018-NHM-I**  
**Dated 02nd August, 2018**

*MJ*  
*8/8/18*  
Dear Sir,

This is regarding Atal Pension Yojana being administered by Department of Financial Services. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is exploring the possibility to cover Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) under the said scheme.

2. Under National Health Mission (NHM), ASHA is a voluntary Health Activist who receives task/activity based incentives. Currently, there are about 10 lakh ASHAs. The eligible age bracket under the Atal Pension Scheme is from 18-40. However a large number of ASHAs, (about 60%) would fall within the age bracket of over 40 to 55 Years and hence would not be covered. Hence, I shall be grateful if you could consider expanding the eligibility age bracket to 18-55 years.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*With regards,*

Yours sincerely

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