

VALLABH- Asha Fellow: from Asha SV meeting minutes from 3/21/2012

- Fellowships are Asha supported grants for people who are supporting and working with social and educational causes- the idea was that we support their work to allow them to increase their impact on the work.
- Vallabhbai was one of the first few fellows.
- He has been a lead trustee of Asha India- works with all the projects in India. He also works with education initiatives.
- He is actively a part of RTI, RTE and NREGA activist providing support and training as part of Asha Ashram.
- They primarily do social audits, which was a clear objective of NREGA.
- We have been supporting Vallabh for the last 5 years- we don't have a proper steward for him and that is a problem with him.
- He also acts as eyes and ears for many projects.
- There are two components in each fellowship- a stipend and an expense based reimbursement.
- There are a total of 13 fellows all over India- there is a conference once every two years.
- Vallabh also organizes the Asha India conference.
- Now the ARC proposal for the fellowship awards now requires that the funds from the chapter concerned will be automatically deducted and the chapter will have the ability to decide whether they want to support the fellow or not.
- We will have to set up a poll for him, it has to include part of this year and the entire sum of last year.
- Since we did not send anything for last year, we need to do a voice vote for approval of Rs. 1.8 lakhs for fellowship amount for 2011- 10 yes. If anyone has objection please object by end of day tomorrow- 3/22.
- For 2012- sarath will set up a poll of Rs. 1.8 Lakhs for Jan till December.

POLL: 2011 Funds will be sent immediately, post haste. YES: 10, NO:0

POLL: 2012 Funds – online poll ongoing.