

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-SINO COLLABORATION FOR DEVELOPING DRUGS

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether India and China have agreed to collaborate to develop drugs to combat diabetes and hepatitis;
- (b) If so, the facts thereof; and
- (c) the other areas identified to develop other drugs jointly ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) a joint meeting under the aegis of Indiaclen and Chinaclen was held on traditional remedies for Diabetes and Hepatitis. Further meetings to identify the medicinal plants for these areas are yet to take place. In the field of reproductive health also need has been felt for cooperation between the two countries for prevention of reproductive tract infections as well as drugs and devices for population control.