

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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COLLABORATION IN HEALTH SECTOR BETWEEN INDIA AND US

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

- (a) whether India has discussed with the USA the areas of collaboration in health care to reap the benefits of global health services sector;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether India lacks strength in research in basic and clinical sciences;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government to augment the same?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (e): India and the US over the years have established a strong collaboration in the area of Public Health which extends to a wide range of issues – HIV, TB, Malaria, Polio, Maternal and child health, Tobacco control, Environmental and occupational health, Vaccine development, Avian influenza and emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases. By working together, the two sides are 1) developing new scientific knowledge; 2) creating new technology for the development of vaccines, drugs, diagnostic tools, and devices; and 3) working together to control, prevent, and eliminate diseases. These and similar collaborative efforts are designed to improve both research and operational capacities in India.