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INDO US MOU FOR DISEASES DETECTION

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

- (a) whether India and the United States of America has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to detect and combat various diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the area of cooperation identified under the MoU and the manner in which it is likely to be implemented;
- (d) whether the said MoU envisages operationalisation of Global Diseases Detection Centre in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) to (e) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Delhi (The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of the Govt. of India) and Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta

(The Department of Health and Human Services of the United States of America) has been signed recently for establishing and operating a Global Disease Detection-India Centre for capacity building for detection and response to emerging infectious diseases.

The areas of cooperation identified under the MoU are given below:-

Development of human resources, both in epidemiology and laboratory; and

Sharing best practices for detection and response to emerging infections, wherever required.

Advanced training in field in epidemiology.

Advanced training in the field of surveillance for emerging infectious diseases, international health and mentoring of public health professionals.

Building of laboratory capacity in India for the diagnosis of emerging infectious diseases using well characterized reference materials and advanced technology transfer that meets CDC and global standards.