

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

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INDO US COOPERATION IN HEALTH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a high level delegation from the United States has held bilateral meeting with India on Health related issues in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the issues discussed therein;
- (c) whether the joint working groups constituted on certain health issues have started functioning;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which health sector in the country is likely to be benefited from the above India-US cooperation?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): A high level delegation led by Ms. Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of the United States, Department of Health and Human Services visited India in January, 2012 to discuss Health related bilateral issues.

(c) to (e): Four (4) Working Groups have been set up under Indo-US Health Initiatives.

- i. Non-Communicable Diseases,
- ii. Strengthening Health Systems and Services,
- iii. Maternal and Child Health &
- iv. Infectious Diseases.

The above Working Groups are holding discussions to achieve the objective of sharing knowledge and best practices with a view to better health outcomes in India.