

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

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COLLABORATION WITH USA IN FOOD/DRUG REGULATION

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

- (a) whether the Government has stressed on international collaboration in food and drug regulation in order to provide exposure to the Indian regulators to international best practices in the area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a high level Indian delegation has recently visited the headquarters of the US Food and Drug Regulatory Administration (FDA);
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the issues discussed by the Indian delegation during the said visit; and
- (e) the details of the issues on which the USA has agreed to cooperate with India?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): In order to provide exposure to the Indian Food and Drug regulation mechanisms of the country on international best practices, the Government has entered into collaborations with the World Health Organisation (WHO), Codex Alimentarius and also individually with various countries having strong regulatory systems.

(c) to (e): A high level Indian delegation has recently visited the Food and Drug Administration, USA (USFDA) wherein matters relating to the strengthening of collaboration in the fields of food and drugs administration were discussed including the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Central Drugs Standards Control Organisation.