

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

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INDO US COOPERATION ON HEALTHCARE

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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 (USA) have discussed matters relating to bilateral cooperation covered under the Health initiative launched in 2010 in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether India has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Harvard School of Public Health to carry forward the bilateral cooperation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the details of the cooperation envisaged therein; and
- (e) the manner in which Indian healthcare sector is likely to be benefited as result of the aforesaid cooperation?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The Indo-US Health Initiative was launched in May 2010 with the objective of advancing U.S. – India collaboration in health sector. To take the agenda further, four (4) Working Groups have been constituted under Indo-US Health Initiative. These Working Groups are meeting regularly to move forward on the areas identified under the respective Working Groups.

(c)&(d): A Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and the President and Fellows of Harvard College, on behalf of the Harvard School of Public Health was signed on 9th May, 2013. Following areas of collaboration have been identified for developing specific initiatives: -

- (i) Public Health Education, (ii) Strengthening knowledge and knowledge translation to improve health systems and service delivery performance,
- (iii) Health Systems Leadership Development.

(e): The collaboration will help in creation of capacities in Public Health and Health systems to support the Health system transformation in the country.