

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

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HEALTH COOPERATION BETWEEN INDIA AND SWITZERLAND

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

- (a) whether India and Switzerland have held a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of World Health Assembly held in the recent past at Geneva;
- (b) if so, the details of the health issues discussed during the said meeting;
- (c) the details of cooperation agreements signed/proposed to be signed by both the countries; and
- (d) the extent to which the public health challenges being faced by India is likely to be addressed on implementation of such agreements in the coming years?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes. A ministerial level bilateral meeting was held between India and Switzerland at Geneva on 20th May, 2013 on the sidelines of World Health Assembly. During the meeting, various bilateral issues concerning the Health sector, including possible signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Switzerland for cooperation in the field of health, were discussed.

(d): Such bilateral MoUs are signed with the aim of improving public health status of the people of countries which are parties to MoU, through cooperation and collaboration in the agreed areas.