

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

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

- (a) whether India has entered into cooperation on health with a number of countries in the recent past and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a high level delegation has recently visited the United States of America for cooperation in health sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the issues discussed and agreed upon by the two countries; and
- (d) the manner and extent to which Indian health sector is likely to be benefited from such international cooperation on health?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has signed the following Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) / Agreements / Statement of Intents (Sols) for cooperation in Health sector, during the period from 01.04.2013 till date:-

Department of Health & Family Welfare:

- (i) United Kingdom (signed on 19.05.2013),
  - (ii) Yemen (renewed on 09.06.2013),
  - (iii) Indonesia (signed on 11.10.2013),
  - (iv) Australia (Trauma Care) (signed on 16.11.2013),
  - (v) Maldives (signed on 02.01.2014),
  - (vi) Netherlands (signed on 30.01.2014),
  - (vii) USA (Medical Product) (signed on 10.02.2014)
- Department of AYUSH
- (viii) Hungary (signed on 17.10.2013),

Department of Health Research

- (ix) National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE), UK (signed on 14.06.2013).

(b) & (c): Minister of Health & Family Welfare (HFM) visited the United States of America from 24th June to 28th June, 2014. The visit was undertaken primarily to participate in the 'Acting on the Call' conference organised to deliberate on ending the preventable child and maternal deaths, which was co-hosted by India, Ethiopia, USA and UNICEF at Washington DC. During the course of the visit, HFM had meetings with the senior functionaries and technical experts in the US Government and the representatives of UN Agencies and other international organisations engaged in health sector, including a bilateral meeting with Ms. Sylvia Mathews Burwell, US Secretary of Health & Human Services and Dr. Rajiv Shah, USAID Administrator on 24th June, 2014 and Dr. Tom Frieden, Director, CDC Atlanta on 27th June, 2014. In addition to the above, the Minister was invited as Chief Guest in the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) Conference on 28th June, 2014 at San Antonio. During the meetings, discussions were held on various important health related issues such as Global Health Security, Acute Encephalitis Syndrome / Japanese Encephalitis, (Tuberculosis) Non communicable Diseases & Tobacco Control, Maternal & Child Health issues, Injuries & Trauma, Occupational & Environmental Health etc. .

(d): Bilateral engagements promote cooperation and learning in the field of health and medicine on the basis of mutual benefit, which facilitates improvement in public health status of the countries.