

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1855
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH JULY, 2021**

COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE

**1855. DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:**

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

- (a) Whether the Government has signed bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with different countries for cooperation covering various areas in the field of health and medicine, including communicable and non-communicable diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the Memoranda of Understandings signed by the Government, country-wise during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the extent to which the aforesaid international cooperation is likely to address the challenges faced by the country in handling communicable and non-communicable diseases especially during COVID-19 and the benefits likely to accrue in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to exploit the benefits of the latest research/treatment undertaken worldwide for life-threatening communicable and non-communicable diseases and extend the same to patients?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

- (a) to (d): Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) signed by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for cooperation in the field of health and medicine during the last three years and in the current year are at Annexure-I.

The important areas of cooperation under these MoUs are Public Health, Digital Health, Pandemic Management, Maternal and Child Health, Drug Regulation & Pharmaceutical Cooperation including communicable and non-communicable diseases.

These agreements facilitate capacity building, training, exchange of information & experts, health manpower development, technical support in disease management including drugs, diagnostics and vaccines and research in mutually identified areas on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit. It provides opportunities for sharing and emulating best practices and learning from each other to address public health challenges.

Annexure-I

Calendar Year	Countries with which the MoUs/ Agreements have been signed
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Sultanate of Oman• The Islamic Republic of Iran• The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan• The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste• The Kingdom of Eswatini• The Kingdom of Bahrain• Japan• The Republic of Uzbekistan, the Republic of Indonesia
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Republic of Maldives• The Kyrgyz Republic• The Republic of Zambia• The Union of Comoros
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Unites States of America• The Federative Republic of Brazil• The State of Israel
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Republic of North Macedonia