

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 16 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21/06/2019**

**PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY AND ATOMIC
ENERGY**

**USQ16. DR.SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE: SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA;
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: DR. HEENA GAVIT:**

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed any MoU for the partnership between Department of Biotechnology and Department of Atomic Energy for supporting joint collaborative research programme in the area of Cancer;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which joint collaborative research programme will be started;
- (c) whether this MoU will help strengthen the various initiatives specifically for cancer research, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether this will provide a cataloguing platform for scientists and researchers in India to co-create solutions for affordable cancer care that improve cancer treatment outcomes in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to provide assistance to scientists and researchers against cancer disease and to provide affordable treatment for needy poor patients?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES;
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology and the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India signed an MoU on 22nd May, 2019 for supporting joint activities in the area of Cancer. Joint collaborative research and Clinical trials are being taken up under the already implemented Cancer Network Program.

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(c) The MoU shall help strengthen various initiatives specifically for cancer viz. Strategizing and prioritizing cancer research, development of new and affordable technologies, jointly designing and funding of clinical trials, coordination and collaboration for translational research, training of manpower and infrastructure development.

(d) The collaboration will facilitate the integration of basic research and clinical research to develop solutions for affordable cancer care.

(e) One of the major focus of the Department is on cancer research under which basic research, clinical trials and diagnostics are already being supported.