

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2189
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 08TH AUGUST, 2023**

STRENGTHENING OF COOPERATION IN HEALTH SECTOR

2189: SHRI ANEEL PRASAD HEGDE:

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

- (a) whether the country has held any bilateral meetings with Italy and some other countries strengthen cooperation in health sector in the recent past
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with issues discussed during the said meetings with each of those countries; and
- (c) the number of countries who have signed the Memorandum of Understanding/cooperation agreements with India to encourage joint health initiatives in capacity building, training, exchange of information and technical support in establishing laboratories, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
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(a) to (c): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare undertakes bilateral interactions with foreign countries including Italy to enhance the cooperation between the countries in health sector.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) with 47 countries including Italy in health sector.

As per MoU with these countries a Joint Working Group (JWG) of experts is formed which deliberates towards strengthening cooperation between the countries in identified areas such as human resources skilling and exchange, cooperation in pharmaceutical sector including regulatory practices, collaborative research and development, health programs such as maternal health, child health, TB, health emergencies , non-communicable diseases, digital health technologies and traditional medicine.
