

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1695  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2017**

**MoU WITH MEDICAL UNIVERSITY**

**1695. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Dr. MGR Medical University, Tamil Nadu for the development of infrastructure and Research and Development of new medicines/drugs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has provided funds for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the projects approved during the last three years?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) & (b) : A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) - National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), Chennai, Tamil Nadu with Dr. MGR Medical University, Tamil Nadu [TNMGRMU]. The scope of the above MoU extends, inter alia, –

- i) To carry out postgraduate and doctoral research projects and training at both TNMGRMU and ICMR-NIE;
- ii) To develop short and long-term training and research programmes on topics of mutual interest;
- iii) Joint research and development projects in areas of clinical trials, epidemiological studies and other areas of basic medical and allied sciences research;
- iv) To organize and participate in Joint Symposia/ Conferences/Workshops/Short-term courses conducted by either of the Organization;
- v) To provide medical and technical consultancy as required;
- vi) To promote exchange of faculty for teaching and training;
- vii) To provide access to library and knowledge sharing facilities mutually for the benefit of both students and the faculty in both the Institutions.

(c) & (d): No funds are provided for the purpose of the MoU. Also, no project was approved during the last three years.