

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 426  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017**

**RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF OLD AGE DISEASES**

**426. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:**

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

- (a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research has decided to undertake research in the field of old age diseases and their cure in collaboration with the Health Research Council of Sweden;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also planning to undertake research in other areas of healthcare in collaboration with the Health Research Council of Sweden or any other country; and
- (d) if so, the details and salient features thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) : Yes.

(b): The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has signed a Memorandum of Intent (MOI) with the Swedish Research Council for Health Working Life and Welfare (FORTE) in June 2015 for cooperation in the field of ageing research and health. The objective of the programme is to fund collaborative research projects on developing affordable and appropriate innovative assistive technology for the disabled elderly and methods of home based care interventions for the elderly.

(c) & (d): There is no proposal for the present to undertake research in other areas of healthcare in collaboration either with the Health Research Council of Sweden or any other country.