

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2965
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH DECEMBER, 2018**

MOUs IN HEALTH SECTOR

**2965. SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
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KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has entered into agreements with other countries seeking cooperation in the treatment of diseases like AIDS, Cancer and Hepatitis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the Memoranda of Understandings (MoUs)/Agreements signed by the Government, country-wise;
- (c) the monetary and medical aid extended through these MoUs during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- (d) the extent to which the aforesaid international cooperation is likely to address the challenges faced by the country in handling life-threatening diseases; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to get the benefits of the latest research/treatment undertaken in the world for life-threatening diseases and extend the same to patients?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): No agreement has been signed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare with other countries for cooperation in treatment of diseases. However, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has signed bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) / Agreements with fifty-five (55) other countries, for cooperation covering various areas in the field of health and medicine, including communicable and non-communicable diseases. A list of countries with whom MoUs / Agreements have been signed is in Annexure.

(c): The bilateral MoUs/Agreements do not contain any provision on extending financial aid or providing of medical aid.

(d) & (e): The objective of the MoUs / Agreements is to establish comprehensive inter-ministerial and inter-institutional cooperation in the field of health and medicine with the aims and objectives of upgrading the quality and reach of human, material and infrastructural resources involved in healthcare, training and research on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit. The collaborations encourage joint initiatives and technology development in the health sector.

To further elaborate the details of cooperation and to oversee the implementation of the MoUs / Agreements, joint meetings are held at appropriate times as mutually decided upon. It provides opportunities for sharing and emulating best practices and learning from each other, to address public health challenges.

LIST OF COUNTRIES
with whom Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has signed
Agreements / Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) /
Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) / Statement of Intent (SoI)

Sl.No	Name of country	Date of signing
1.	Afghanistan	28-08-2005
2.	Australia	10-04-2017
3.	Austria	17-02-2005
4.	Bangladesh	12-02-2013
5.	Bahrain	15-07-2018
6.	Brazil	05-05-1998
7.	Brunei	02-02-2016
8.	Bulgaria	28-11-2011
9.	Burundi	18-09-2012
10.	Cuba	06-12-2017
11.	Cyprus	08-10-2002
12.	China	03-09-1994
13.	Colombia	19-01-2010
14.	Croatia	09-06-2010
15.	Egypt	18-11-2008
16.	Fiji Islands	10-10-2005
17.	Germany	01-06-2017
18.	Iran	17-02-2018
19. (a)	Japan	01-09-2014
19. (b)	Japan	29-10-2018
20.	Jordan	01-03-2018
21.	Hungary	18-01-2008
22.	Indonesia	11-10-2013
23.	Israel	09-09-2003
24.	Italy	29-11-2017
25.	Kazakhstan	16-04-2011
26.	Kuwait	23-04-2012
27.	Latvia	28-02-2012
28.	Malawi	03-11-2010
29.	Maldives	02-01-2014
30.	Mauritius	12-03-2013
31.	Mongolia	14-09-2009
32.	Morocco	14-12-2017
33.	Mozambique	22-02-2004
34.	Myanmar	06-09-2017
35.	Netherlands	30-01-2014
36.	New Zealand	26-10-2016
37.	Oman	11-02-2018
38.	Palestine	16-05-2017
39.	Papua New Guinea	29-04-2016
40.	Philippines	05-10-2007
41.	Poland	24-04-2009
42.	Qatar	05-06-2016
43.	Rwanda	12-11-2010
44.	Saudi Arabia	20-11-2006
45.	Seychelles	10-09-2003
46.	Spain (Dte.GHS)	31-05-2017

47.	Swaziland	09-04-2018
48.	Sweden	24-02-2009
49.	Tajikistan	03-09-2012
50.	Tanzania (Zanzibar)	16-12-2002
51.	Timor-Leste	07-04-2018
52.	United Kingdom	19-05-2013
53.	USA	25-06-2015
54.	Vietnam	03-09-2016
55.	Yemen	09-06-2013
