

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1884  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019**

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION IN HEALTHCARE**

**1884. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:**

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

- (a) whether a Joint Committee has reviewed the progress made on memorandum of cooperation signed on healthcare and wellness in context of Ayushman Bharat of India and Asia health and well-being initiative of Japan;
- (b) if so, the details of progress made so far and number of persons benefited therefrom in the country; and
- (c) the details of various collaboration project proposals offered by India for consideration of Japan along with reaction of Japan thereto?

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

(a) to (c): Yes. The first Joint Committee Meeting under the aegis of Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on Healthcare and Wellness signed between India and Japan in October, 2018, was held in Tokyo, Japan on 18th October, 2019. The Joint Committee inter alia reviewed various areas of cooperation within the framework of MoC such as Human Resource Development, Universal Healthcare Coverage, Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices, Health Research, Disease Surveillance, Traditional Medicines, etc. It encourages joint initiatives in capacity building, training, exchange of information & human resource, technical support in establishing laboratories/ hospitals and research in mutually identified areas, on the basis mutual benefit. It provides opportunities for sharing and emulating best practices and learning from each other, to address public health challenges.

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