

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 946
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2025**

**BILATERAL MEETINGS TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION IN HEALTH
SECTOR**

946. SHRI SHYAMKUMAR DAULAT BARVE:

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

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

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare undertakes bilateral interactions with foreign countries including Italy and Cuba to enhance the cooperation between the countries in health sector.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) with 59 countries including Italy and Cuba 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, communicable diseases, health emergencies, non-communicable diseases, digital health technologies and traditional medicine.
