

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2238  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2016**

**BILATERAL ISSUES ON HEALTH COOPERATION**

**2238. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:  
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:**

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

- (a) whether Mauritius and Government of India have discussed bilateral issues on health cooperation recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the issues involved therein; and
- (c) whether a Joint Working Group has been constituted by Mauritius for health cooperation and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) & (b): Yes, a bilateral meeting was held with Minister of Health and Quality of Life, Mauritius on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at New Delhi to discuss issues on health cooperation.

(c): A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between India and Mauritius on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 for cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine with the purpose to strengthen collaboration in the health sector. In pursuance of Article 7 of the MoU, Working Group from the Indian side was constituted in August, 2014 to further elaborate the details of cooperation and to oversee the implementation of the said MoU. However, no Working Group from the Mauritius side has so far been constituted.