

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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CO-OPERATION BETWEEN INDIA AND CANADA IN HEALTH SECTOR

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

- (a) whether the Government is proposes to enhance co-operation in the health sector between India and Canada;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): A joint statement has been signed between India and Canada during the visit of Canadian Prime Minister to India on January 17-18, 2005 to strengthen cooperation in the filed of health research. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) have also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 13th January, 2005 for cooperation in biomedical sciences to strengthen mutual understanding and collaboration in medical/health research. The cooperation will focus especially on Life Style Diseases, Public Health, Disease Surveillance & any other area of mutual interest. The ICMR and CIHR shall promote direct cooperation likely to be advantageous to both organisations through exchange of scientists; exchange of scientific information, technical data, publications, documents etc.; joint research proposals/projects in mutually identified areas including research, training and the application of knowledge.