

International Cooperation & International Health

10.1 INTRODUCTION

Various International Organizations and United Nations Agencies continue to provide technical support for many Health and Family Welfare programmes in the country. The status of support from various International agencies is discussed in this chapter.

10.2 WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)

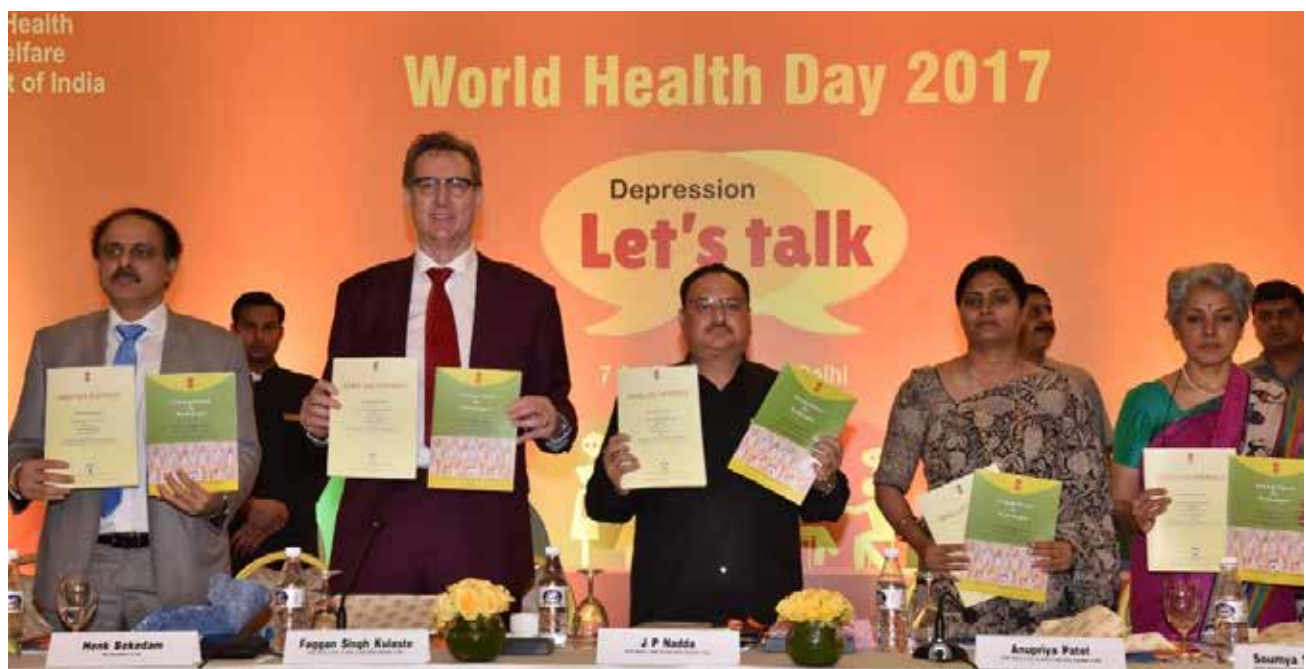
World Health Organization (WHO) is one of the main UN agencies collaborating with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and providing technical support.

Activities under WHO are funded through two sources:- The country budget which comes out of contributions made by member countries and extra budgetary resources which come from (a) donations from various sources for general or specific aspects of



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health; (b) funds routed through the WHO to countries by other member countries or institutes/agencies. India is the largest beneficiary of the country budget within the South East Asia Region. The budget is operated on a biennium basis, calendar year wise.



World Health Day 2017

10.2.1 Functions of WHO

(i) Sessions of the Executive Board of WHO: The Executive Board is composed of 34 Member States elected by the World Health Assembly. Member States are elected for three year term. The main functions of the Executive Board are to give effect to the decisions and policies of the Health Assembly, to advise it and generally to facilitate its work. The Board meets at least twice a year; the main meeting is normally held in January with a second shorter meeting in May, immediately after the Health Assembly. India is, at present, not a member of the Executive Board.

The 140th Session of the Executive Board of WHO was held during 23rd January to 1st February, 2017 in Geneva. Additional Secretary (Health) and Director (International Health) attended the session. They were assisted by officials from the Permanent Mission of India to UN agencies at Geneva.

During the EB session, discussions were held on many important agenda items. India actively participated in the discussions and strongly raised its views/concerns on the agenda items, such as health systems, communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases, promoting health through the life course and preparedness, surveillance and response.

The 141st Session of Executive Board of WHO was held during 1-2 June, 2017 at Geneva and was attended by the officials from the Permanent Mission of India to UN agencies at Geneva.

(ii) World Health Assembly: The World Health Assembly (WHA) is the most important annual event of the World Health Organization. The WHA is held once every year and deliberates various draft resolutions/decisions that are put up for its approval by the Executive Board of WHO. It is the highest policy making body of World Health Organization where all member countries are represented by high-level delegations.

The 70th session of the WHA, which is the highest policy making body of the WHO, took place in Geneva during 22-31 May, 2017.

Union Health Minister along with Secretary(HFW), DGHS, Additional Secretary (Health), AS&MD, Joint Secretaries of the relevant programme and Director

(International Health) attended the session. They were assisted by officials from the Permanent Mission of India to UN agencies at Geneva.

The business sessions of the Assembly were conducted in two committees, Committee-A and Committee-B. India, in close coordination with the Permanent Mission of India to the UN agencies at Geneva, actively participated in discussions and made focussed interventions on the important agenda items both before Committee-A and Committee-B, highlighting the country positions as well as its concerns and suggestions for a constructive way forward.

During the 70th WHA, discussions were held regarding various important agenda items. India actively participated in the discussions and strongly raised its views / concerns on the agenda items having greater significance for India, such as Preparedness, surveillance and response, health systems, communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases, promoting the health through Life course.

India spoke on the theme - 'Advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: building better systems for health' and highlighted about National SDG-3 Task Force, India's commitment to the achievement of the Universal Health Coverage and plans to provide essential Drugs & Diagnostics-free of cost in public health facilities.

Union Health Minister attended the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Health Ministers Meeting as well as the BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting under the Chairmanship of Venezuela and China respectively and he voted on behalf of India in the elections of the new Director General of WHO, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus from Ethiopia. His victory was as per India's expectations and is in line with India's interests.

India participated in a special thematic event where an important report by a United Nations Secretary General's High level panel on access to medicines was deliberated upon. The event was organised by India along with Morocco, Bolivia, Uganda and Venezuela. This event was also live streamed through Facebook Live for reaching a wider audience especially youth both in India and abroad.

The visit of Indian delegation resulted in a very

productive bilateral meeting with the newly elected Director General of WHO Dr. Tedros on 25 May, 2017 to put across India's priorities on Global Health Issues to him and explored the possibilities of intensifying India's engagement with WHO for achieving Universal Health Coverage. India also underscored the need for higher representation from India in the Senior Management Team of the WHO. Dr. Tedros was receptive to suggestions and responded positively. He also mention now his thinking has been influenced by Indian Teachers and that he considers India as a mother country.

(iii) Meeting with GAVI: Union Health Minister also had a meeting with a team from GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance (Previously known as Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization) and held fruitful discussions on GAVI's engagement with and support to India on India's Immunization programme and how the engagement could be leveraged for better outcomes in the future.

(iv) Bilateral meetings: Union Health Minister had formal bilateral meetings with the Health and Human Services Secretary of the USA Mr. Tom Price; Dr. George Pamboridis, Minister of Health of Cyprus; Health Minister of Nepal Mr. Gagan Thapa; Health Minister of Bahrain Ms. Faeqa Bint Saeed Alsaleh. He also had the opportunity to informally meet Health Ministers from Cuba, Djibouti, Guyana and Azerbaijan on the sidelines of the World Health Assembly.

(v) Meeting of Regional Committee of WHO for South East Asia Region (SEAR): The Regional Committee (RC) of WHO-SEAR countries meets annually. The Committee is a forum to review progress made on health issues in the region and to lay down the roadmap for future action.

The 70th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia was held in Maldives during 6-10 September, 2017. It was attended by representatives of all 11 Member States of the Region, United Nations and other agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations having official relations with WHO and observers. Secretary (HFW), Additional Secretary (Health) and Director (International Health) attended the session. Some of the important agenda items discussed during this session were policy and technical matters –

Hepatitis, TB : bending the curve, access to medicines, vector control, road safety, SDGs and progress towards universal health coverage, progress reports on selected regional committee resolutions – expanding the scope of the South-East Asia Regional Health Emergency Fund (SEARHEF), challenges in polio eradication, measles elimination and rubella/congenital rubella syndrome control, antimicrobial resistance, patient safety contributing to sustainable universal health coverage, reduce harmful use of alcohol, Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development (CEWG) : Financing and Coordination.

(vi) Commonwealth Health Ministers' Meeting (CHMM): The Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting (CHMM) is the annual meeting of health ministers from across the Commonwealth countries. The meeting reviews activity and events from the previous year and provides a platform for countries to bring issues of health relevance to the attention of their Commonwealth partners and peers. Each CHMM provides a ministerial statement summarising the discussion and priorities for the coming year including setting the theme for the next meeting. CHMM is supported by the Commonwealth Advisory Council on Health (CACH) which meets twice a year

This year, the Commonwealth Health Ministers' Meeting was held on 21st May, 2017 at Geneva. Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare attended the meeting. The theme for the year 2017 was 'Sustainable Financing of Universal Health Coverage as an Essential Component for Global Security including the Reduction of All Forms of Violence. Hon'ble Minister emphasized on India's National Health Policy and Mahatma Gandhi's guiding principle of "Sarvodaya through Antaodya" - in providing Universal Health Coverage.

10.2.2 Contribution to WHO

As a member country of WHO, India makes regular contribution to WHO for each biennium. A WHO biennium commences in January of the first year of the biennium and ends in December second year of the biennium.

The assessed contribution payable by Government of India to WHO is decided on the basis of UN Scale of Assessment. India's assessed contribution for

the biennium 2016-17 stands at USD 30,93,570 + CHF 29,32,704 and voluntary contribution of USD 55,000 and USD 35,000 towards the WHO/UNICEF /UNDP/World Bank's Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases Research (TDR) and UNDP/UNFPO/WHO/World Bank's Special Programme of Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP) respectively.

India has to remit Euro 7,35,086 towards membership fee to International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), Lyon, France for the year 2017.

10.2.3 BRICS Meetings and workshops

BRICS is an association of the five fastest emerging economies of the world, namely, Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. BRICS association comprises 43% of the World Population and 30% of the World GDP.

7th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting

The BRICS countries met in Tianjin, China during 6-7 July, 2017. Union Health Minister attended the meeting.

The Health Ministers Meeting was preceded by the meeting of senior health officials on 5th July, 2017, which discussed action plans on Prevention and control of infectious diseases (TB, HIV and Malaria), Prevention and control of Non-Communicable diseases, maternal and child health, neglected tropical diseases, application of health information technology and discussed on draft of Tianjin Communique.

The BRICS Health Ministers acknowledged the

renewed commitment to health by the BRICS leaders as expressed in the Goa Declaration of October 2016. The meeting discussed BRICS collaborative projects on various pressing health issues such as prevention and control of infectious diseases, Non-Communicable diseases, maternal and child health, neglected tropical diseases, strengthening of health systems and health related SDGs.

The Ministers also adopted a Tianjin Communique which reiterated their commitment to the BRICS Framework for cooperation in strategic projects on health, and the action plans on various health thematic areas.

The Ministers thanked China for successfully hosting the 7th BRICS Health Ministers meeting and agreed to convene the 8th BRICS Health Ministers meeting and Meeting of Senior Health Officials in South Africa in 2018.

10.3 AIRPORT/ PORT HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS AND AIRPORT AND BORDER QUARANTINE CENTER

Introduction

Airport Health Organization, Port Health Organizations and Airport and Border Quarantine Center (APHOs/PHOs/ABQC) are subordinate offices of the Directorate General of Health Services. At present, there are 13 PHOs and 11 APHOs, established at all major international airports and ports and one border quarantine centre at Attari border, Amritsar. In addition, Agartala and Petrapole units are under establishment.

**LIST OF EXISTING 22 POEs
(APHOs/PHOs/BORDER CROSSING HEALTH UNIT)**

Name of APHO	Name of PHO	Name of Land Border Crossing
1. Chennai	1. Mumbai	1. Attari Amritsar
2. Tiruchirapalli	2. Kolkata	2. Agartala
3. Bengaluru	3. Chennai	3. Petrapole
4. Hyderabad	4. Kandla	
5. Cochin	5. Mangalore	
6. Ahmedabad	6. JNPT, Sheva	
7. Trivandrum	7. Cochin	
8. Delhi	8. Vishakhapatnam	
9. Kolkata	9. Mandapam Camp	
10. Mumbai	10. Marmagoa	
11. Calicut	11. Tuticorin	
	12. New Mangalore Port	
	13. Paradip	

These are statutory organizations and are discharging their regulatory functions as delineated under the Indian Aircraft (Public Health) Rules, 1954 and Port Health Rules, 1955, respectively. Apart from this, India is also signatory to the International Health Regulations, framed by WHO and therefore it is

obligatory on our part to implement these regulations. Accordingly, both Indian Aircraft Public Health Rules as well as Indian Port Health Rules have been framed in agreement with the International Health Regulations and are under submission for vetting by Ministry of Law.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS, PORTS AND LAND BORDERS UNDER PROCESS			
Name of APHO		Name of PHO	Name of Land Border Crossing
1. Amritsar	10. Gaya		1. Raxaul (Bihar)
2. Lucknow	11. Port Blair		2. Jogbani (Bihar)
3. Coimbatore	12. Guwahati		3. Dawki (Meghalaya)
4. Varanasi	13. Bagdogra		4. Moreh (Manipur)
5. Goa	14. Patna		
6. Jaipur	15. Mangalore		
7. Nagpur	16. Imphal		
8. Pune	17. Bhubaneshwar		
9. Srinagar	18. Tirupati		

Objectives

The main objective of the APHO/PHOs is to prevent the spread of infectious diseases of epidemic proportions from one country to another, with minimum interference to the world traffic. Some of the important functions of these organizations are – surveillance for yellow fever disease, health screening of international passengers during the time of PHEIC, quarantine, examination of GD and aircraft disinsection, Public health clearance of dead bodies, supervision of airport sanitation, vaccination to international passengers, vector control, etc. Apart from this, inspection of ships and issuance of Ship Sanitation Certificate is another major responsibility at International Ports.

WHO has notified a list of Yellow Fever Endemic Countries, under IHR and any person coming to India from these notified endemic countries is required to possess valid Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate, failing which, such passengers are quarantined for a maximum period of six days. In the light of changing global health scenario, existing IHR have been revised by WHO (IHR 2005) and these new IHR have come into effect from June, 2007. In order to revise our own rules, in tune with IHR, a number of workshops

have been organized by Directorate General of Health Services and finally, the amended draft Rules is under final stage of approval from Law Ministry.

For development of core capacities at all the Points Of Entry (POEs) for dealing with Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), task force meeting of all the stakeholders from the all the disciplines including radio nuclear, chemical, atomic and zoonosis have been held and the process of development of contingency plans and capacity building at all the POEs has been initiated. Contingency plans of POEs have been shared with the stakeholders. After implementation of FSS Act, the VIP Food related function has been authorized and are being performed by POEs. APHOs/PHOs/ABQC have been nominated as Designated Officers of FSSAI for FBOs located in airport and port building complexes.

Achievements

- Public Health measures at Points of Entry during Zika virus disease (PHEIC).
- Website for PH(IH) Division has been developed and is now fully operational, with information regarding International Travel and Health at <http://www.ihrpoe.co.in>.

- 2 new Yellow Fever vaccinations centres have been designated and process for operationalization initiated – AIIMS, Jodhpur and GMC, Srinagar. Now there are total 43 Yellow Fever Vaccination Centres in the country.
- Inauguration of Renovated Yellow Fever Quarantine Centres at APHO Kolkata and Cochin.
- Mundra Port has been designated as new minor port.
- Sensitization of 600 Medical Officers accompanying Haj Pilgrims, for various public health issues including MERS-CoV.
- Bi-Annual review meeting conducted for all Point of Entry (POEs) in Bhubaneswar and Thiruvananthapuram.
- Approximately 110 International conferences have been granted permissions.
- Coordinated and facilitated SON/ENC for all applicants wishing to study abroad.
- International workshop for strengthening coordination among various Stakeholders at POEs with a focus on International Ground Crossings with participation of experts from Srilanka, Thailand, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar in coordination with WHO.
- Two workshops for strengthening competencies for public health measure at international ground crossings and bordering districts for neighbouring States to the countries – Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar, during June 2017.
- Officers of this Division participated in the Following International Events
 - DDG (MH & IH) participated in International Conference for strengthening coordination between NDSS and PoEs organized by WHO, held in Lyon, France.
 - DDG (MH&IH) participated in G20 meeting at Berlin along with Joint Secretary, MoHFW.
 - DADG (IH) participated as an observer, in Full Scale Pandemic Preparedness Exercise at Jakarta, Indonesia.
- Following Reporting Formats have been developed
 - Training manual for Paramedics on public health measures at PoEs.
 - Monthly reporting format for APHO/PHO/border crossings.
 - Monthly reporting format for Yellow Fever vaccination centres.
- Following Guidelines/Advisory/SOPs have been developed
 - SOPs for mechanism of international communication during PHEIC.
 - Sensitization on roles and responsibility of various stakeholders for the compliance of IHR (2005) has been drafted.
 - Inputs provided for draft finalizing the note for the Cabinet on Action Plan for champion sectors in services (Medical Wellness Tourism).
- Following Trainings have been coordinated and facilitated for POE Staff
 - Foundation training programme for CHS officers in May, 2017.
 - Training of finance and hospital procurement at National Institute of Financial Management, Faridabad in May, 2017 and October, 2017.
 - Training on SSC/ SSEC for medical and para-medical staff of APHOs/PHOs at Cochin.
- Additional Responsibilities handled by this Division
 - Rare Diseases - officials of the division played a vital role in formulation of the National Policy on Treatment of Rare Diseases and are continuously involved in the implementation of Policy.

10.4 AGREEMENTS/MoUs (UPTO 31ST OCTOBER, 2017)

- (1) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the Government of Australia on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine was signed on 10th April, 2017.
- (2) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between MoHFW and the Government of Palestine on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine was signed on 16th May, 2017.
- (3) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Directorate General of Health Services, MoHFW and the Government of Spain on cooperation in Transplant Services was signed on 31st May, 2017.
- (4) A Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) between MoHFW and the Government of Germany on cooperation in Health was signed on 01st June, 2017.
- (5) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between MoHFW and the Government of Myanmar on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine was signed on 6th September, 2017.

10.5 MEETING/CONFERENCE (UPTO 14TH DECEMBER, 2017)

- (1) A meeting between H.E. Ms. Rosy Sofia Akbar, Minister of Health and Medical Services of Fiji and Union Health Minister to discuss bilateral health issues was held in New Delhi on 18th January, 2017;
- (2) A delegation from the Embassy of Sweden met Additional Secretary (Health), MoHFW to discuss bilateral health issues in New Delhi on 20th January, 2017;
- (3) A meeting between Ambassador of Fiji in India and Additional Secretary (Health), MoHFW to discuss bilateral health issues was held in New Delhi on 16th February, 2017;
- (4) A delegation led by H.E. Mr. Aiyaz Sayed Khaiyum, Attorney General and Minister of Finance of Fiji, alongwith Hon'ble Rosy Sofia Akbar, Minister of Health and Medical Services

of Fiji, met Union Health Secretary to discuss bilateral health issues in New Delhi on 28th February, 2017;

- (5) A meeting between H.E. Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food of Canada and Union Health Minister to discuss bilateral health issues was held in New Delhi on 08th March, 2017.
- (6) A meeting between H.E. Sibongile Simelane, Minister of Health of Swaziland and Union Health Minister to discuss bilateral health issues was held in New Delhi on 09th March, 2017;
- (7) A meeting between Hon'ble Mr. Chris Elstof, Australian Deputy High Commissioner in India and Additional Secretary (Health), MoHFW to discuss bilateral health issues was held in New Delhi on 14th March, 2017;
- (8) Bilateral meetings with (a) Dr. Ren Minghui, ADG (HTM), World Health Organization, (b) Dr. Tedros Adhanom, Ethiopian Special Adviser, (c) Health Minister of Nepal, and (d) Health Minister of Myanmar, were held by Union Health Minister in New Delhi on 16th March, 2017;
- (9) A meeting between Dr. (Prof.) Volodymyr Kozyavkin, Director General of the International Clinic of Rehabilitation, Ukraine and Additional Secretary (Health), MoHFW was held in New Delhi on 23rd March, 2017;
- (10) A delegation led by Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste, the then Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare participated in the "International Conference on Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders (ANDD 2017)" held in Thimphu, Bhutan during 19-21 April, 2017;
- (11) Second meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) constituted under the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between India and Japan on cooperation in the field of Health was held in Tokyo, Japan on 25-26 April, 2017;
- (12) A meeting between Mr. Lim Boon Heng, Chairman, Temasek (Singapore) and Union Health Minister to discuss bilateral issues was held in New Delhi on 28th April, 2017;



Meeting of Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare Shri J.P. Nadda with Mr. Lim Boon Heng, Chairman Temasek Foundation of Singapore on 28th April 2017

- (13) Union Health Secretary participated in the “Global Adolescent Health Conference” and the “20th PMNCH Board Meeting” held in Ottawa, Canada, during 16-19 May, 2017;
- (14) A delegation led by Union Health Minister participated in the “29th Stop TB Partnership Meeting” and the “G20 Health Ministers Meeting” held in Berlin, Germany during 18-20 May, 2017;
- (15) A meeting between H.E. Ms. Jill Hennessy, Minister for Health and Ambulances, Victoria (Australia) and Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare to discuss bilateral health issues was held in New Delhi on 29 May, 2017;
- (16) A meeting between Parliamentary Delegation from the Czech Republic and Union Health Minister to discuss bilateral health issues was held in New Delhi on 30th May, 2017;
- (17) Mr. Tetsuya Tanaka and Mr. Murakami from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan made a courtesy call on Additional Secretary (Health), MoHFW in New Delhi on 29th June, 2017;
- (18) A meeting between H.E. Mr. Bakhodir Yusupaliyev, First Deputy Minister of Health of Uzbekistan and Additional Secretary (Health), MoHFW to discuss bilateral health issues was held in New Delhi on 22nd August, 2017;
- (19) A meeting between H.E. Dr. Valery Malashko, Health Minister of Belarus and Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare to discuss bilateral health issues was held in New Delhi on 11th September, 2017;
- (20) A meeting between H.E. Dr. Chi-Kung Ho, Deputy Health Minister of Taiwan and Additional Secretary (Health), MoHFW to discuss bilateral health issues was held in New Delhi on 21st September, 2017;

- (21) 2nd India-US Health Dialogue covering the areas of Non Communicable Diseases, R&D, communicable diseases, global health security, traditional medicine, digital health, access to medicines and medical innovations, health systems strengthening, etc., was held in New Delhi 26-27 September, 2017;
- (22) A meeting between H.E. Ms. Linda Dessau AC, Hon. Governor of Victoria (Australia) and Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare to discuss bilateral health issues was held in New Delhi on 04th October, 2017;
- (23) A meeting between Senetor H.E. Ms. Kamina Johnson Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica and Union Health Minister to discuss bilateral health issues was held in New Delhi on 10th October, 2017;
- (24) A meeting between H.E. Dr. (Mrs.) Adela Hammoud Hussein, Minister of Health of Iraq and Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare to discuss bilateral health issues was held in New Delhi on 12th October, 2017;
- (25) A meeting between Foreign Minister of Equatorial Guinea and Additional Secretary (Health), MoHFW to discuss bilateral health issues was held in New Delhi on 18th October, 2017;
- (26) 9th meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) constituted under the MoU signed between India and Sweden on cooperation in the field of health was held in Stockholm, Sweden on 23 – 24 October, 2017.
- (27) A Meeting held and MOU signed between India and Morocco on Health cooperation and Telemedicine on 14.12.2017 at New Delhi



Meeting of Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare Shri J.P. Nadda with H.E. Health Minister of Morocco on 14th December, 2017 and signing of MoU on Health Cooperation and Telemedicine

- (28) A Meeting with HE Dr. Roberto Morales Ojeda, CUBA and signing of MoU on Health cooperation on 06.12.2017 at New Delhi



Meeting of Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare Shri J.P. Nadda with H.E. Health Minister of Cuba, Dr. Roberto Morales Ojeda on 6th December, 2017

- (29) A Meeting with H.E. Minister of Health of Italy Ms. Beatrice LOTENZIN on 29.11.2017 at New Delhi and an MoU signed on Health cooperation



Meeting of Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare Shri J.P. Nadda with H.E. Health Minister of Italy, Ms. Beatrice Lotenzin on 29th November, 2017

10.6 PERMISSION FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

In the year 2017-18 (upto 31st October, 2017), permissions were granted to 154 organizations/institutions for holding health related international conferences in India.

10.7 ISSUE OF STATEMENT OF NEED (SON) CERTIFICATE AND EXCEPTION NEED CERTIFICATE (ENC)

In the year 2017-18 (upto 31st October, 2017), 927 applicants were issued Statement of Need (SON) Certificate and 12 applicants were issued Exceptional Need Certificate (ENC) for undergoing higher studies/

training in the USA on J-1 visa in medical specialties/super-specialties.

10.8 VISIT ON FELLOWSHIP/ CONFERENCE ABROAD

During 2017-18 (upto 31st October, 2017), 121 medical personnel were permitted to participate in International conference/symposia etc. abroad, including 22 medical personnel from CHS cadre who were granted financial assistance subject to a maximum of Rs. One lakh each under CHS Assistance Scheme to attend seminars/conferences abroad in order to acquaint themselves with the latest developments in the field of medicine and surgery in other countries and to exchange views with their counterparts.

