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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

LOK SABHA

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**INDO- AFGHANISTAN AGREEMENT ON HEALTHCARE AND MEDICINE**

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

- (a) whether India and Afghanistan have entered into any agreement in the field of Healthcare and Medicine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the expenditure incurred by the Government in the said project so far; and
- (d) the details of progress made so far in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS)**

(a) to (d) An Agreement on cooperation in the field of healthcare and medical science was signed between the Republic of India and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan on 28th August, 2005. Under this Agreement, the areas of cooperation, inter-alia, include, Family Welfare, Public Health and Nutrition, Communicable Diseases, Medical Research, Indigenous Systems of Medicine, Medical Equipment and Pharmaceutical Products, Hospital Management and Nursing and Midwifery. As provided in the Agreement, a Working Group from the Indian side has been constituted to further elaborate the details of cooperation and to oversee its implementation.