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PRESS STATEMENT

Hon'ble Anil Kumar Singh Gayan Minister of Health and Quality of Life, Government of the Republic of Mauritius visits AIIMS

Hon Anil Kumar Singh Gayan, Minister of Health and Quality of Life Government of the Republic of Mauritius accompanied by the High Commissioner of Mauritius to India H.E. JagdishwarGoburdhun visited AIIMS on March 18, 2016 and held wide ranging discussions with Acting Director AIIMS Prof G.K.Rath and senior officials including Deputy Director Administration V.Srinivas, Dean Academic Prof BalramAiran, Chief CDER Prof O.P.Kharbanda, and Prof NeerjaBhatla Faculty In-charge of the Media and Protocol Division. During discussions, Minister Gayan said that AIIMS has contributed in the past to development of medical sciences in Mauritius through medical education, research and patient care. Minister Gayan said that under the MOU for bilateral cooperation in the field of heal and medicine signed between the 2 countries in 2013, Mauritius would be seeking to convert the Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital into a teaching Institution, identify a group of Hospitals for tapping resources of specialists and collaborate in the areas of traditional medicine. Minister Gayan identified the problem areas in medical care in Mauritius highlighting that there was an acute shortage of surgeons in cardiology, neurosurgery, paediatric surgery, radiology, obstetrics and gynaecology, oncology and hospital management.

Prof G.K.Rath indicated that AIIMS, subject to due approvals of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of External Affairs, would be happy to collaborate with the apex medical institutions of Mauritius with the objective of improving the standards of Post Graduate and Medical Education. Such a collaboration could be in the form of observerships of Mauritius doctors to AIIMS. Prof Rath also said that the Pan African E-Health Network is operational in Mauritius through the SSRN Hospital and live surgeries and several consultation procedures can be taken up under the Pan African E-Health Network. A power point presentation on the AIIMS was made to Minister Gayan by Prof NeerjaBhatla.

Minister Gayan thanked AIIMS for coordinating his visit and looked forward to cordial and constructive dialogue in the coming months.

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