

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.221  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**IMPROVING MEDICAL TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY**

**221 # SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:**

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

- (a) the status of medical tourism in the country during the last two years, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (b) the problems being faced in improving medical tourism in the country;
- (c) the global ranking of India in the field of medical tourism; and
- (d) the details of steps taken or being taken by Government to make medical tourism better and comfortable?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA  
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**(a) to (d):** As per information provided by Ministry of Tourism, foreign tourist arriving in India for medical purpose are as below:

Year	Foreign Tourist Arrivals on Medical purpose
2020	1.83 lakh
2021	3.04 lakh

With an aim to improve medical tourism in country, Ministry of Tourism has formulated a National Strategy and Roadmap for Medical and Wellness Tourism in 2022. The strategy has identified following key pillars for the development of medical value travel in the country:

1. Develop a brand for India as a wellness destination
2. Strengthen the ecosystem for medical and wellness tourism
3. Enable digitalization by setting up Online Medical Value Travel (MVT) Portal
4. Enhancement of accessibility for Medical Value Travel
5. Promoting Wellness Tourism
6. Governance and Institutional Framework

Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is coordinating with other Ministries viz Ministry of Home Affairs, Tourism, AYUSH, External Affairs, Civil Aviation, State Governments and other stakeholders to promote Medical Value Travel (MVT) in the country. Several rounds of stakeholder consultations have been conducted with line Ministries, Hospitals, MVT facilitators, Insurance Companies and National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) to identify the challenges and opportunities in the sector.

An institutional approach in coordination with other Ministries like Ministry of Tourism, AYUSH, Home Affairs, External Affairs, Civil Aviation, State Governments and other relevant stakeholders is adopted for promotion of medical value travel.

India has been ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in Medical Tourism index(MTI) for 2020-2021 out of 46 destinations of the world by Medical Tourism Association.

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