

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1927
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2026

Implementation and progress of AYUSH visa initiative

1927 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of *Ayush* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched a dedicated “AYUSH Visa” to promote Medical Value Travel (MVT) focused on traditional systems of medicine such as Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH);
- (b) the number of foreign nationals who have been issued AYUSH visas since the launch of the initiative and the top ten countries from which patients have availed treatment in India under this initiative; and
- (c) the measures taken by Ministry to ensure that accredited AYUSH hospitals, wellness centres and Panchakarma institutes catering to foreign patients adhere to international quality and safety standards?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

- (a) Yes, there is a separate sub-category of visa for foreign national coming into India for treatment under Ayush system namely M-3 visa for foreign nationals coming for treatment under Ayush system and M-4 visa for attendants accompanying those coming on M-3 visa.
- (b) The number of foreign nationals who have been issued Ayush visas since the launch of the initiative is enclosed as Annexure–I.

The top ten countries from which patients have availed treatment in India under Ayush visa initiative are Switzerland, France, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Kenya, United States of America, Israel, Oman, Uzbekistan, and Portugal.

- (c) Ayush Visa is granted to a foreigner whose sole purpose is to seek treatment through Ayush systems like therapeutic care and Wellness in a Hospital/Wellness Centre accredited and registered with any Government authority (ies) concerned including National

Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH)/ National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) and also National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) accredited hospitals providing Ayush services.

Annexure I

Number of foreign nationals who have been issued Ayush visas since the launch of the initiative

	Ayush Attendant visa	Ayush visa		Tourist visa, Ayush attendant visa	Tourist visa, Ayush visa	GRAND TOTAL
Year	e-Visa	Visa	e-Visa	e-Visa	e-Visa	
2024	116	132	1102		4	1354
2025	510	185	2294	1	12	3002
2026	68	20	380	1	4	473
Grand Total	694	337	3776	2	20	4829

[Source: Ministry of Home Affairs]