

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.773
ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018**

FOREIGN TOURIST ARRIVAL ON MEDICAL VISA

773. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of foreign patients are coming to our country for medical treatment and surgery;**
- (b) if so, the details of Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India on Medical Visa during the last three years country-wise; and**
- (c) the foreign exchange earned through medical tourism during the said period?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. A statement of Nationality-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India for Medical purpose during 2015, 2016 and 2017 is given in the Annexure.

(c): The Foreign Exchange Earning (FEE) through medical tourism in India is not available, separately. However, the provisional estimates of total FEEs through tourism during 2015, 2016 and 2017 were Rs.1,35,193 crore, Rs.1,54,146 crore and Rs.1,77,874 crore respectively.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.773 FOR 23.07.2018 REGARDING FOREIGN TOURIST ARRIVAL ON MEDICAL VISA.**

Estimates of Nationality-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals for medical purpose are as follows:

Sl. No.	NATIONALITY	2015	2016	2017 (P)
1	BANGLADESH	120388	210142	221751
2	AFGHANISTAN	27505	61231	55681
3	IRAQ	11378	33125	47640
4	OMAN	8308	25002	28157
5	MALDIVES	1836	10523	45355
6	UZBEKISTAN	6398	9564	8309
7	NIGERIA	10642	9277	5530
8	YEMEN	5291	8837	11903
9	KENYA	6400	8701	7496
10	UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZAN	6167	5566	5047
11	SOMALIA	3072	5549	4964
12	SUDAN	1869	4324	6908
13	SRI LANKA	3029	4284	4436
14	PAKISTAN	3632	3955	1785
15	ETHIOPIA	1503	2666	7659
16	SAUDI ARABIA	1655	2589	4782
17	MYANMAR (BURMA)	1354	1812	1791
18	UGANDA	1065	1638	1624
19	MAURITIUS	1174	1200	1682
20	TAZIKISTAN	587	1040	1728
21	RWANDA	792	865	1390
22	BAHRAIN	501	783	1130
23	FIJI	502	770	829
24	MOZAMBIQUE	547	700	353
25	SEYCHELLES	5	682	939
26	ZAMBIA	545	673	714
27	UNITED KINGDOM	609	672	755
28	ZIMBABWE	560	627	578
29	UNITED STATES	615	584	649
30	CAMBODIA (KAMPUCHEA)	282	570	566

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31	DJIBOUTI	312	487	421
32	MALAWI	29	380	546
33	SOUTH SUDAN	401	341	265
34	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	158	337	508
35	CAMEROON	198	321	342
36	CANADA	264	305	312
37	KAZAKHSTAN	235	284	367
38	KUWAIT	174	265	1008
39	MONGOLIA	276	258	359
40	GHANA	145	252	235
41	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	128	229	299
42	MALAYSIA	163	208	441
43	SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	90	184	290
44	TURKMENISTAN	25	169	801
45	KYRGYZSTAN	91	167	314
46	LIBERIA	15	163	150
47	BURUNDI	171	157	103
48	INDONESIA	155	141	249
49	IRAN	77	132	108
50	PHILIPPINES	77	131	304
51	AUSTRALIA	165	129	198
52	SIERRA LEONE	48	129	84
53	SOUTH AFRICA	205	125	141
54	EGYPT	78	115	248
55	ANGOLA	95	109	89
56	PALESTINE	41	103	108
57	COMOROS	62	96	94
58	ERITREA	85	93	86
59	TUVALU	48	93	110
60	NETHERLANDS	56	92	85
61	MADAGASCAR	86	84	228
62	JORDAN	45	82	120
63	CONGO	3	80	66
64	FRANCE	56	70	97
65	GAMBIA	53	66	38
66	GERMANY	52	64	109
67	BULGARIA	30	61	63
68	QATAR	26	61	65
69	NIGER	55	60	46

Sl. No.	NATIONALITY	2015	2016	2017 (P)
70	LEBANON	22	57	86
71	UKRAINE	30	54	112
72	NORWAY	26	52	57
73	BOTSWANA	13	40	29
74	ITALY	36	39	41
75	SINGAPORE	46	39	44
	Others	1061	2159	3059
	Total	233918	427014	495056

P: Provisional

Primary data source: Bureau of Immigration, Government of India
