

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1079
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021**

REVENUE GENERATED FROM MEDICAL TOURISM

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign tourists who have visited the country for medical tourism during the period from 2009 to 2019;**
- (b) the country-wise percentage of the foreign medical tourists visited for the period from 2009 to 2020;**
- (c) the number of foreign tourists who have visited the States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Delhi for medical tourism during the period from 2009 to 2020;**
- (d) the revenue generated from Medical Tourism during the period from 2009 to 2020; and**
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for the development and promotion of medical tourism to augment foreign medical tourists in the country?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a): Details of Foreign Tourists Arrivals (FTA) for medical purpose during 2009 to 2019 are given below:

Year	FTA on medical visa
2009	112389
2010	155944
2011	138803
2012	171021
2013	236898
2014	139447

2015	233918
2016	427010
2017	495056
2018	640798
2019	697453

Please note that till 2013 Ministry of Tourism used to compile purpose wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals on the basis of the information available from disembarkation card. From 2014 onwards, data purpose of Arrivals has been compiled by clubbing various visa type categories in which foreign tourist travel to India.

(b): The details of percentage distribution of foreign tourists arrivals from leading countries for medical purpose during 2009 to 2019 are given in Annexure I. Purpose wise data for year 2020 is not available.

(c): Data on purpose wise foreign tourists visits to different States/UTs is not centrally maintained by Ministry of Tourism.

(d): Ministry of tourism, Government of India does not maintained data on revenue generated from tourism.

(e): The steps taken by the Government for development & promotion of medical tourism in the country are given in Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I
STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1079 ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021 REGARDING REVENUE GENERATED FROM MEDICAL TOURISM
DETAILS OF PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF FOREIGN TOURISTS ARRIVALS FROM LEADING COUNTRIES FOR MEDICAL PURPOSE DURING 2009 TO 2019

Nationality	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
BANGLADESH	23.64 %	22.99 %	25.05 %	21.94 %	15.07 %	43.24 %	51.47 %	49.21 %	44.79 %	50.34 %	57.53 %
IRAQ	0.00 %	4.34 %	6.48 %	7.56 %	9.31 %	0.54 %	4.86 %	7.76 %	9.62 %	9.25 %	8.07 %
MALDIVES	31.42 %	23.53 %	22.02 %	17.49 %	9.57 %	1.93 %	0.78 %	2.46 %	9.16 %	2.12 %	7.31 %
AFGHANISTAN	10.79 %	3.34 %	8.07 %	9.19 %	21.30 %	7.89 %	11.76 %	14.34 %	11.25 %	7.31 %	4.73 %
OMAN	4.32 %	3.73 %	4.00 %	3.32 %	3.28 %	3.82 %	3.55 %	5.86 %	5.69 %	4.30 %	3.21 %
YEMEN	0.50 %	0.31 %	0.74 %	1.15 %	1.40 %	6.15 %	2.26 %	2.07 %	2.40 %	1.85 %	2.39 %
SUDAN	0.34 %	0.26 %	0.14 %	0.51 %	0.34 %	0.96 %	0.80 %	1.01 %	1.40 %	1.35 %	1.28 %
KENYA	0.76 %	0.81 %	0.95 %	1.29 %	1.57 %	3.31 %	2.74 %	2.04 %	1.51 %	1.25 %	1.12 %
NIGERIA	2.81 %	3.86 %	6.48 %	6.23 %	6.18 %	9.43 %	4.55 %	2.17 %	1.12 %	0.88 %	1.00 %
TANZANIA	0.04 %	1.20 %	1.58 %	1.75 %	1.82 %	4.05 %	2.64 %	1.30 %	1.02 %	0.82 %	0.74 %
SAUDI ARABIA	0.59 %	0.48 %	0.98 %	0.79 %	0.91 %	0.73 %	0.71 %	0.61 %	0.97 %	0.77 %	0.73 %
SRI LANKA	3.43 %	3.25 %	3.53 %	2.78 %	1.66 %	1.60 %	1.29 %	1.00 %	0.90 %	1.04 %	0.58 %
MYANMAR	0.16 %	0.26 %	0.70 %	0.45 %	0.32 %	0.80 %	0.58 %	0.42 %	0.36 %	0.36 %	0.58 %
MAURITIUS	0.54 %	0.00 %	0.60 %	0.60 %	0.59 %	0.76 %	0.50 %	0.28 %	0.34 %	0.41 %	0.51 %
BAHRAIN	0.27 %	0.19 %	0.35 %	0.34 %	0.23 %	0.26 %	0.21 %	0.18 %	0.23 %	0.23 %	0.26 %
PAKISTAN	0.65 %	0.30 %	0.56 %	0.77 %	1.23 %	3.03 %	1.55 %	0.93 %	0.36 %	0.25 %	0.20 %
UNITED STATES	2.14 %	1.19 %	1.41 %	1.82 %	1.37 %	0.48 %	0.26 %	0.14 %	0.13 %	2.61 %	0.17 %
UNITED KINGDOM	1.33 %	0.97 %	1.15 %	1.38 %	1.02 %	0.36 %	0.26 %	0.16 %	0.15 %	1.67 %	0.16 %
NEPAL	1.48	0.87	0.86	0.66	4.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	1.78	0.10

	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TURKEY	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.03 %	0.03 %	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.02 %	0.12 %	0.09 %
CANADA	0.59 %	0.62 %	0.56 %	0.60 %	0.43 %	0.20 %	0.11 %	0.07 %	0.06 %	0.50 %	0.07 %
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	3.02 %	2.04 %	3.54 %	2.02 %	1.74 %	0.13 %	0.07 %	0.08 %	0.10 %	0.15 %	0.07 %
PHILIPPINES	0.07 %	0.06 %	0.09 %	0.08 %	0.09 %	0.04 %	0.03 %	0.03 %	0.06 %	0.28 %	0.07 %
KAZAKHSTAN	0.08 %	0.06 %	0.29 %	0.35 %	0.27 %	0.15 %	0.10 %	0.07 %	0.07 %	0.06 %	0.06 %
AUSTRALIA	0.27 %	0.22 %	0.28 %	0.24 %	0.28 %	0.24 %	0.07 %	0.03 %	0.04 %	0.47 %	0.05 %
MALAYSIA	0.96 %	1.03 %	1.05 %	0.69 %	0.61 %	0.14 %	0.07 %	0.05 %	0.09 %	0.23 %	0.05 %
SOUTH AFRICA	0.20 %	0.11 %	0.21 %	0.29 %	0.22 %	0.11 %	0.09 %	0.03 %	0.03 %	0.09 %	0.05 %
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	0.09 %	0.31 %	1.87 %	3.43 %	2.30 %	0.06 %	0.05 %	0.05 %	0.06 %	0.21 %	0.04 %
FRANCE	0.35 %	0.29 %	0.33 %	0.28 %	0.21 %	0.04 %	0.02 %	0.02 %	0.02 %	0.18 %	0.04 %
EGYPT	0.04 %	0.03 %	0.04 %	0.03 %	0.07 %	0.04 %	0.03 %	0.03 %	0.05 %	0.09 %	0.04 %
INDONESIA	0.10 %	0.17 %	0.26 %	0.22 %	0.13 %	0.07 %	0.07 %	0.03 %	0.05 %	0.10 %	0.04 %
GERMANY	0.69 %	0.73 %	0.87 %	0.89 %	0.43 %	0.03 %	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.02 %	0.20 %	0.03 %
NEW ZEALAND	0.05 %	0.05 %	0.05 %	0.05 %	0.05 %	0.02 %	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.02 %	0.10 %	0.02 %
CHINA	0.09 %	0.08 %	0.10 %	0.10 %	0.07 %	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	0.01 %	0.12 %	0.02 %
NETHERLANDS	0.11 %	0.09 %	0.11 %	0.09 %	0.06 %	0.01 %	0.02 %	0.02 %	0.02 %	0.10 %	0.02 %
ITALY	0.14 %	0.12 %	0.22 %	0.17 %	0.08 %	0.02 %	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.12 %	0.02 %
UKRAINE	0.03 %	0.09 %	0.22 %	0.29 %	0.24 %	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.02 %	0.06 %	0.02 %
IRAN	0.19 %	0.19 %	0.22 %	0.17 %	0.12 %	0.04 %	0.03 %	0.03 %	0.02 %	0.04 %	0.01 %
NORWAY	0.06 %	0.07 %	0.12 %	0.07 %	0.04 %	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.03 %	0.01 %
SWITZERLAND	0.14 %	0.14 %	0.30 %	0.31 %	0.14 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.05 %	0.01 %
SWEDEN	0.08 %	0.09 %	0.11 %	0.15 %	0.06 %	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.03 %	0.01 %
SINGAPORE	0.34 %	0.41 %	0.00 %	0.38 %	0.24 %	0.02 %	0.02 %	0.00 %	0.01 %	0.34 %	0.01 %
BELGIUM	0.06 %	0.02 %	0.03 %	0.03 %	0.03 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	0.01 %	0.05 %	0.01 %

	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
THAILAND	0.06 %	0.05 %	0.07 %	0.06 %	0.05 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.12 %	0.00 %
AUSTRIA	0.10 %	0.13 %	0.21 %	0.23 %	0.09 %	0.00 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.04 %	0.00 %
IRELAND	0.05 %	0.01 %	0.02 %	0.03 %	0.03 %	0.05 %	0.03 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	0.07 %	0.00 %
DENMARK	0.06 %	0.05 %	0.07 %	0.08 %	0.04 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.02 %	0.00 %
JAPAN	0.11 %	0.11 %	0.14 %	0.13 %	0.00 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.01 %	0.10 %	0.00 %
FINLAND	0.02 %	0.02 %	0.02 %	0.03 %	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.02 %	0.00 %
ISRAEL	0.07 %	0.06 %	0.03 %	0.06 %	0.04 %	0.07 %	0.03 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.03 %	0.00 %
PORTUGAL	0.05 %	0.04 %	0.05 %	0.06 %	0.05 %	0.00 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.12 %	0.00 %
SPAIN	0.05 %	0.09 %	0.10 %	0.08 %	0.05 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.05 %	0.00 %
BRAZIL	0.01 %	0.02 %	0.03 %	0.02 %	0.02 %	0.04 %	0.02 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.02 %	0.00 %
MEXICO	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.01 %	0.00 %
ARGENTINA	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.02 %	0.02 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.01 %	0.00 %
POLAND	0.02 %	0.03 %	0.02 %	0.06 %	0.03 %	0.02 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.02 %	0.00 %
KOREA(ROK)	0.06 %	0.06 %	0.00 %	0.06 %	0.05 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.07 %	0.00 %
TAIWAN(PROVINCE OF CHINA)	0.07 %	0.00 %	0.02 %	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.02 %	0.00 %
CZECH	0.03 %	0.01 %	0.02 %	0.03 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.01 %	0.00 %
GREECE	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.02 %	0.00 %
VIETNAM	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.01 %	0.00 %
BHUTAN	0.15 %	0.49 %	0.73 %	0.44 %	0.29 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.26 %	0.00 %
Others	6.09 %	19.86 %	1.87 %	7.60 %	9.94 %	8.92 %	8.14 %	7.38 %	7.64 %	6.63 %	8.42 %

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DETAILS OF STEPS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF MEDICAL TOURISM TO AUGMENT FOREIGN MEDICAL TOURISTS IN THE COUNTRY

- **In order to provide dedicated institutional framework to take forward the cause of promotion of Medical Tourism, Wellness Tourism and Yoga, Ayurveda Tourism and any other format of Indian system of medicine covered by Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH), Ministry has constituted a National Medical & Wellness Tourism Board with the Hon'ble Minister (Tourism) as its Chairman. The Board works as umbrella organization that promotes this segment of tourism in an organized manner.**
- **Financial Assistance to Wellness Tourism Service Providers (WTSPs) and Medical Tourism Service Providers (MTSPs) under Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme (maximum Rs.2.50 lakh).**
- **Financial Assistance of maximum Rs.10.00 lakh on 50:50 cost sharing basis for organizing workshops/events/meets/seminars having focus on promotion of Medical & Wellness Tourism with at least 100 participants (50% of which to be foreign passport holders).**
- **Financial Assistance of maximum Rs.25.00 lakh on 50:50 cost sharing basis for organizing Medical & Wellness Tourism promotion shows with at least 75 participants (40% of which to be foreign buyers)**
- **In trade fairs, promotional events, roadshows and seminars. A film on Medical Tourism has been produced in association with BBC and is used at various platforms for promotional purposes. Medical tourism has been specifically promoted at various international platforms such as World Travel Mart, London, ITB, Berlin.**
- **Wellness Tourism is about travelling for primary purpose of achieving, promoting and maintaining maximum health and a sense of well-being. Most of the hotels / resorts are coming up with Ayurveda Centres. The leading tour operators have included Ayurveda in their brochures.**
- **Yoga / Ayurveda / Wellness is being promoted in the past years in the print, electronic, internet and outdoor medium under the Ministry of Tourism's "Incredible India Campaign".**

- **The Ministry of Tourism has only the role of a facilitator in terms of marketing this concept and promoting this in the key markets. Medical Tourism is regularly highlighted for promotion as part of the Incredible India Campaign in the print, electronic, online and outdoor media in India and abroad as well as at the various travel trade exhibitions overseas.**
- **In order to promote the Medical Tourism in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has also instituted a National Tourism Award for the category of “Best Medical Tourism Facility”.**
- **In order to promote the Wellness Tourism in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has also instituted a National Tourism Award for the category of “Best Wellness Centre”.**
- **Medical and medical attendant Visa has been introduced to ease the travel process of Medical Tourists. The e-Tourist visa regime has also been expanded to include medical visits as well. Indian Missions/Posts issues Medical Visa (MED) valid for 1 year or period of treatment whichever is less to foreign national visiting India for Medical treatment in reputed/Specialized /Recognized hospitals/treatment centres in India. The treatment should be significant in nature, such as neurosurgery, heart surgery, organ transplant, joint replacement, gene therapy, and plastic surgery.**
- **Up to two Medical Attendant visas will be issued for people to accompany the patient Attendants/family members of patient, who are coming to India for Medical treatment, shall be granted Medical Attendant visa (MED X) co-terminus with medical Visa of the patient. Attendants should be spouse/ children or those having blood relations with the patient. Not more than two attendants may be allowed. Initial duration of the visa is one year or the period of treatment, whichever is less. Visa will be valid for maximum three entries in a year. Maximum three entries are allowed in one year.**
- **Government of India introduced online e-Tourist Visa for 166 countries. Further, under the liberalization and simplification of Visa regime in India, e-Visa scheme for Tourist, Business and Medical has been implemented w.e.f 01.04.2017.**
