

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3649
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022**

DEDICATED MEDICAL TOURISM POLICY

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of medical tourists that come to India annually and details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to launch a dedicated medical tourism policy to expand the medical tourism sector;**
- (c) the plans to include alternative sources of medicines such as Ayurveda, yoga and naturopathy into the ambit of medical tourism; and**
- (d) the steps being taken, if any, to eliminate the presence of middlemen in the medical tourism sector to streamline it?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): The detail of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India on medical purpose during 2017 to 2021 is given below:

Year	FTAs on Medical purpose
2017	495056
2018	640798
2019	697453
2020	182945
2021	303526

Source: Bureau of Immigration

Further, the country-wise details of FTAs in India on medical purpose from Top 50 countries during 2017 to 2021 are given at Annexure.

(b), (c) & (d): In order to boost Medical Tourism in the country, Ministry of Tourism has formulated a National Strategy and Roadmap for Medical and Wellness Tourism. The Strategy also lays emphasis to include alternative sources of medicines such as Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homeopath (AYUSH) into the ambit of medical tourism. The Strategy has identified the following key pillars:

- (i) Develop a brand for India as a wellness destination**
- (ii) Strengthen the ecosystem for medical and wellness tourism**
- (iii) Enable digitalization by setting up Online Medical Value Travel (MVT) Portal**
- (iv) Enhancement of accessibility for Medical Value Travel**
- (v) Promoting Wellness Tourism**
- (vi) Governance and Institutional Framework**

Ministry of Tourism also provides financial Assistance under Market Development Assistance Scheme to Medical Tourism Service Providers accredited by NABH for participation in Medical/ Tourism Fairs, Medical Conferences, Wellness Conferences, Wellness Fairs and allied Road Shows.

Further, in order to provide dedicated institutional framework to take forward the cause of promotion of Medical Tourism including Indian system of medicine covered by Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homeopath (AYUSH), Ministry of Tourism has constituted a National Medical and Wellness Tourism Board with the Hon'ble Minister (Tourism) as its Chairman. As per the nature of the complaint, the same is redressed by the competent authority.

To ease the foreign tourist inflow for medical tourism in India, Government of India has introduced 'Medical Visa' which can be given for specific purpose to foreign travellers coming to India for medical treatment. 'E- Medical Visa' and 'E-Medical Attendant Visa' have also been introduced.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3649 ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022 REGARDING DEDICATED MEDICAL TOURISM POLICY****Country-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India on Medical purpose from Top 50 Countries (based on 2019 data) during 2017-2021**

Sr. No.	Nationality	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1	BANGLADESH	221751	322567	401228	99155	186633
2	IRAQ	47640	59258	56310	16647	15357
3	MALDIVES	45355	13595	50978	11055	22798
4	AFGHANISTAN	55681	46811	33004	16185	19556
5	OMAN	28157	27528	22393	4328	7610
6	YEMEN	11903	11859	16671	4111	4612
7	SUDAN	6908	8673	8908	2763	3908
8	KENYA	7496	8037	7841	2041	3423
9	NIGERIA	5530	5660	6999	2028	2914
10	TANZANIA	5047	5236	5192	1637	2194
11	SAUDI ARABIA	4782	4927	5077	557	148
12	SRI LANKA	4436	6653	4062	796	885
13	MYANMAR	1791	2329	4043	1264	1709
14	MAURITIUS	1682	2647	3527	1099	1112
15	BAHRAIN	1130	1458	1799	380	370
16	PAKISTAN	1785	1607	1376	296	554
17	UNITED STATES	649	16744	1203	401	1950
18	UNITED KINGDOM	755	10680	1089	348	694
19	NEPAL	453	11429	710	431	242
20	TURKEY	86	777	644	107	166
21	CANADA	312	3179	500	190	270
22	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	508	987	484	208	742
23	PHILIPPINES	304	1796	477	325	322
24	KAZAKHSTAN	367	410	427	114	226
25	AUSTRALIA	198	3026	370	102	106
26	MALAYSIA	441	1482	338	82	176
27	SOUTH AFRICA	141	564	323	70	160

28	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	299	1344	306	82	445
29	FRANCE	97	1185	282	95	178
30	EGYPT	248	593	270	63	57
31	INDONESIA	249	623	254	71	76
32	GERMANY	109	1285	215	54	315
33	NEW ZEALAND	91	640	144	35	7
34	CHINA	35	784	131	17	4
35	NETHERLANDS	85	643	129	75	182
36	ITALY	41	796	115	26	64
37	UKRAINE	112	398	107	25	228
38	IRAN	108	249	88	15	35
39	NORWAY	57	180	87	14	40
40	SWITZERLAND	60	345	83	19	175
41	SWEDEN	44	174	75	15	60
42	SINGAPORE	44	2197	64	16	19
43	BELGIUM	31	328	55	8	35
44	THAILAND	21	768	33	13	6
45	AUSTRIA	17	287	32	18	31
46	IRELAND	20	441	32	9	42
47	DENMARK	27	115	31	7	29
48	JAPAN	27	654	31	5	8
49	FINLAND	8	125	28	8	22
50	ISRAEL	11	211	21	10	65
	Others	37927	46514	58867	15525	22566
	TOTAL	495056	640798	697453	182945	303526
