### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AYUSH

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 820 ANSWERED ON 07.02.2025

#### **AYUSH Healthcare and Medical Value Travel**

820. Shri Jashubhai Bhilubhai Rathva: Shri Godam Nagesh:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

the details of the initiatives undertaken by the Government towards enhancing the future of AYUSH-based healthcare and medical value travel along with the benefits thereof?

#### ANSWER

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

The Government has introduced a separate category of Ayush Visa for foreigners visiting India for availing treatment under Ayush systems of medicine on 27th July, 2023. Ayush Visa is available under four sub-categories i.e. (i) Ayush Visa (AY-1), (ii) Ayush Attendant Visa (AY2), (iii) e-Ayush Visa and (iv) e-Ayush Attendant Visa. 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 or National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH)/ National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH)/ National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) accredited hospitals providing Ayush services.

During the period from January 1, 2024 to February 4, 2025, a total of 1,646 e-Ayush and regular Ayush visas have been issued to foreign nationals from 75 countries.

To promote India's Medical Value Travel (MVT) sector, the Standard Operating procedures (SOP's) for registration by the healthcare providers on the Medical and Ayush Visa Portal were communicated to all stakeholders, including Principal Secretaries of Health of all States/Union Territories (UTs), Principal Secretaries of Tourism of all States/UTs, Directors of Ayush in all State Governments/UTs, Chairpersons of the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) and National Commission for Homeopathy (NCH), Chairpersons of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry), PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, ASSOCHAM (Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India), and CII (Confederation of Indian Industry), all Ayush practitioners' associations, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Yoga Certification Board, Invest India, and Ayushexcil.

To further promote the MVT and sensitize the stakeholders, the Government organized Ayush Medical Value Travel Summit 2024 on 30.09.2024 in Mumbai, themed 'Global Synergy in Ayush: Transforming Health and Wellness through Medical Value Travel'. The summit aimed to strengthen India's position in MVT by integrating traditional Indian systems of medicine with modern healthcare systems.

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