

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4729  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**PROMOTION OF MEDICAL VALUE TOURISM**

**4729. SHRI TANGELLA UDAY SRINIVAS:  
SHRI APPALANAIDU KALISETTI:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any initiatives for the promotion of Medical Value

Travel and Human Resource Mobility under the 'Heal in India, Heal by India' programme and if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated/released/utilised since its inception, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the Government maintains data on medical tourism and if so, the details thereof including the number of international patients visiting the country;

(c) the details of patient inflows and revenue generated during the last five years, year-wise, country-wise and State/UT-wise along with the number of medical visas issued during the last five years, country-wise;

(d) whether the Government has identified the top five States/UTs receiving the highest number of medical tourists during the said period and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the Government proposes to establish a unified digital platform providing information on hospitals, treatment costs and logistics for international patients and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to establish State-level facilitation centres to assist international medical tourists and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (f): The medical tourism sector incorporates initiatives of several Ministries/Departments/trade bodies along with private sector hospitals. The Central Government, primarily through Ministry of Tourism, promotes various tourism products of the country, including medical & Wellness tourism through various initiatives.

Further, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has intimated that they, through Missions/Posts abroad, actively promote India as a global hub for medical value tourism by

conducting outreach sessions with local stakeholders and facilitating connections between reputed Indian hospital chains and counterparts overseas. These efforts enhance awareness of India's advanced, affordable medical services and strengthen patient inflow from partner countries. MEA also promotes India's traditional systems of medicine and wellness, including Ayurveda and Yoga, through cultural diplomacy initiatives, International Day of Yoga celebrations, and targeted engagements with foreign institutions. Missions abroad collaborate with AYUSH practitioners and stakeholders to highlight India's holistic healing ecosystem and expand its global reach. Besides, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) supports the medical tourism sector by undertaking stakeholder consultation and coordination activities among various Government Ministries/Departments as well as private players like NATHEALTH, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC), etc.

Additionally, SEPC, set up by Ministry of Commerce and Industry has been mandated to facilitate global business opportunities for India's services sector including promotion of Medical Value Tourism. SEPC is engaged in organising of Buyer Seller Meets (BSMs) and Reverse Buyer Seller Meets (RBSM), under Market Access Initiative (MAI) schemes, where foreign delegates (buyers) are hosted in India to meet with Indian hospitals and healthcare providers. SEPC organizes events like "Sanjeevani" and initiatives like Advantage Healthcare to showcase India's medical capabilities to international stakeholders. The Ministry of Tourism has also provided a link on its websites to the <http://www.indiahealthcaretourism.com> portal of SEPC.

Further, the Ministry of Tourism has intimated that as per information received from Bureau of Immigration, Ministry of Home Affairs, the details of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) for medical purpose in the past five years are as follows:

A. FTAs for Medical Purposes year-wise:

Year	FTAs for Medical Purposes
2021	3,23,748
2022	4,74,798
2023	6,59,356
2024	6,44,387
2025(P)	5,02,845

B. Top source countries for medical tourism:

S. No.	Country	FTAs for Medical Purposes				
		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (P)
1	Bangladesh	1,86,633	3,26,805	4,99,951	4,82,336	3,23,144
2	Iraq	15,357	30,701	28,758	32,008	30,217
3	Somalia	3,847	1,006	15,947	11,717	11,309
4	Oman	7,610	11,121	13,397	10,431	9,674
5	Uzbekistan	3,847	6,768	7,081	8,921	13,599

(P): Provisional