

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2218
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2015**

MEDICAL TOURISM

2218. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any study/survey to identify the major diseases for which foreigners come to India for treatment;
- (b) if so, the details and the findings thereof indicating the major diseases and the source countries;
- (c) the quantum of revenue generated through medical tourism during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise; and
- (d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the foreigners receive high quality medical treatment?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

- (a): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has not conducted any such study.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Such data is not maintained by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. However, studies undertaken by industry in 2014 indicate that with an estimated USD 78.6 billion in 2012, the medical tourism has emerged as an important sector in India.
- (d): Subject to adherence to scheme guidelines and availability of funds, the Ministry of Tourism provides financial support under the Marketing Developments Assistance (MDA) Scheme to approved Medical Tourism Service Providers. Further, the Department of Commerce also offers incentives to the hospitals providing medical treatment to foreigners.