

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*286
ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

VACCINE TOURISM

***286. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to initiate any programme of vaccine tourism in the country and if so, details thereof;**
- (b) whether the States are directed to allow only vaccinated tourists, especially for popular national monuments, cities and spots and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether there are any guidelines issued for Indian citizens opting for vaccine tourism abroad and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the number of Indians who have opted for vaccine tourism abroad along with the vaccines taken; and**
- (e) whether these vaccine certificates from abroad will be recognised in India?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*286 ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021 REGARDING VACCINE TOURISM

(a): Ministry of Tourism has no plans to initiate any programme of vaccine tourism in the country at present.

(b): Ministry of Tourism has requested the State Governments/ UT Administrations to exempt the double vaccinated passengers to carry latest RTPCR report at the time of inter State travel on production of valid final certificate of double vaccination.

(c): Government of India has not issued any guidelines for Indian citizens opting for vaccine tourism abroad.

(d): Ministry of External Affairs has informed that since the purpose of foreign visits are not compulsorily disclosed, there is no information available on the number of Indian citizens who travelled abroad for vaccination.

(e): Ministry of External Affairs has informed that since some countries have decided to ease health requirements for those vaccinated, India is engaged on mutual recognition of vaccination certificates.
