

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2223
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022

MEDICAL TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY

2223 DR. PRASHANTA NANDA:
SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) the breakup of international medical tourists who visited the country in the last four years, country-wise;
- (b) the revenue generated via the aforementioned visits;
- (c) whether further initiatives are being taken to promote wellness and medical tourism to enhance visitor numbers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): The detail of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India on medical purpose during 2018 to 2021 is given below:

Year	FTAs on Medical purpose
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 2018 to 2021 are given at Annexure.

(b): Ministry of Tourism, Government of India does not maintain data on revenue generated from international medical tourists.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Tourism has taken several steps to promote India as a Medical and Wellness tourism to enhance visitor numbers, which are as follows: -

- (i) In order to create a robust framework and synergy amongst the Central Government Ministries, State Governments and Private Sector for promoting India as a Medical and Wellness Tourism destination, Ministry of Tourism has formulated a National Strategy and Roadmap for Medical and Wellness Tourism. The strategy document focuses on the following key pillars:

1. Develop a brand for India as a wellness destination
2. Strengthen the eco system for medical and wellness tourism

3. Enable digitalization by setting up Online Medical Value Travel (MVT) Portal
 4. Enhancement of accessibility for Medical Value Travel
 5. Promoting Wellness Tourism
 6. Governance and Institutional Framework
- (ii) In order to provide dedicated institutional framework to take forward the cause of promotion of Medical Tourism, Ministry of Tourism has constituted National Medical and Wellness Tourism Board with the Hon'ble Minister (Tourism) as its Chairman.
- (iii) As part of its on-going activities, Ministry of Tourism, releases global print, electronic and online media campaigns in important and potential markets overseas, under the 'Incredible India' brand-line, to promote various tourism destinations and products of the country. Digital promotions are also regularly undertaken through the Social Media accounts of the Ministry on different themes including the theme of Medical Tourism.
- (iv) 'Medical Visa' has been introduced, which can be given for specific purpose to foreign travelers coming to India for medical treatment. To promote Medical Tourism in the country, Government of India is extending e-medical visa facility to the nationals of 156 countries.
- (v) Ministry of Tourism 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.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2223 ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022 REGARDING MEDICAL TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY.

Country-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India on Medical purpose from Top 50 Countries (based on 2019 data) during 2018-2021

Sr. No.	Nationality	2018	2019	2020	2021
1	BANGLADESH	322567	401228	99155	186633
2	IRAQ	59258	56310	16647	15357
3	MALDIVES	13595	50978	11055	22798
4	AFGHANISTAN	46811	33004	16185	19556
5	OMAN	27528	22393	4328	7610
6	YEMEN	11859	16671	4111	4612
7	SUDAN	8673	8908	2763	3908
8	KENYA	8037	7841	2041	3423
9	NIGERIA	5660	6999	2028	2914
10	TANZANIA	5236	5192	1637	2194
11	SAUDI ARABIA	4927	5077	557	148
12	SRI LANKA	6653	4062	796	885
13	MYANMAR	2329	4043	1264	1709
14	MAURITIUS	2647	3527	1099	1112
15	BAHRAIN	1458	1799	380	370
16	PAKISTAN	1607	1376	296	554
17	UNITED STATES	16744	1203	401	1950
18	UNITED KINGDOM	10680	1089	348	694
19	NEPAL	11429	710	431	242
20	TURKEY	777	644	107	166
21	CANADA	3179	500	190	270
22	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	987	484	208	742
23	PHILIPPINES	1796	477	325	322
24	KAZAKHSTAN	410	427	114	226
25	AUSTRALIA	3026	370	102	106
26	MALAYSIA	1482	338	82	176
27	SOUTH AFRICA	564	323	70	160
28	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	1344	306	82	445
29	FRANCE	1185	282	95	178
30	EGYPT	593	270	63	57
31	INDONESIA	623	254	71	76
32	GERMANY	1285	215	54	315
33	NEW ZEALAND	640	144	35	7
34	CHINA	784	131	17	4
35	NETHERLANDS	643	129	75	182
36	ITALY	796	115	26	64
37	UKRAINE	398	107	25	228
38	IRAN	249	88	15	35

39	NORWAY	180	87	14	40
40	SWITZERLAND	345	83	19	175
41	SWEDEN	174	75	15	60
42	SINGAPORE	2197	64	16	19
43	BELGIUM	328	55	8	35
44	THAILAND	768	33	13	6
45	AUSTRIA	287	32	18	31
46	IRELAND	441	32	9	42
47	DENMARK	115	31	7	29
48	JAPAN	654	31	5	8
49	FINLAND	125	28	8	22
50	ISRAEL	211	21	10	65
	Others	46514	58867	15525	22566
	TOTAL	640798	697453	182945	303526

Source: Bureau of Immigration
