

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1766
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DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL TOURISM HUBS

1766. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has emerged as a hub for medical tourism;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise on the number of medical tourists that arrived in India during the last five years;**
- (c) the total revenue earned, State/UT-wise due to foreign tourists arriving in India for their medical treatment during the last five years;**
- (d) whether the Government has undertaken any study on the category of operations/medical interventions that foreigners come to India for and if so, the details thereof along with the respective countries they come from; and**
- (e) whether the Government is taking any steps to develop medical tourism hubs in smaller/tier-2 cities in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): In order to boost Medical Tourism in the country, Ministry of Tourism has formulated a National Strategy and Roadmap for Medical and Wellness Tourism. The Strategy has identified the following key pillars:

- (i) Develop a brand for India as a wellness destination**
- (ii) Strengthen the ecosystem for medical and wellness tourism**
- (iii) Enable digitalization by setting up Online Medical Value Travel (MVT) Portal**

- (iv) **Enhancement of accessibility for Medical Value Travel**
- (v) **Promoting Wellness Tourism**
- (vi) **Governance and Institutional Framework**

Further, as conveyed by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, it is coordinating with other Ministries and stakeholders to promote medical value travel in the country. Several rounds of stakeholder consultations have been conducted with line Ministries, Hospitals, MVT facilitators, Insurance Companies and NABH etc. to identify the challenges and opportunities in the sector.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has also conveyed that in certain countries wherein a concerted effort to promote India's competing strength in modern as well as traditional medicine is taken up. Similarly, action is taken up to strengthen and promote identified hospitals (Modern Medicine and AYUSH), airports, visa regime etc. for promotion of MVT.

State/UT wise no. of medical tourists arrival is not maintained by Ministry of Tourism. However, the details of Foreign Tourists Arrivals on Medical purpose during year 2017-2021 is as follows:

FTAs on Medical Purpose during 2017 to 2021

Year	Medical Purpose (in lakh)
2017	4.95
2018	6.44
2019	6.97
2020	1.83
2021	3.04

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI)

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No formal study has been conducted by Ministry of Tourism on the category of operations/medical interventions that foreigners come to India for.
