

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4151
ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023**

MEDICAL TOURISM TRAIN

**4151. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:
SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop Medical Tourism in the country with the support of Ministries of Tourism and Health to extend human wellness for the people of the country and abroad;**
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (c) whether the Government has set up a team between the Ministries of Railways and Health to develop in-house Medical Tourism in the country;**
- (d) if so, the details of proposals and action taken therein and if not, the time by which the Government proposes to develop such wellness tourism scheme or project for the people of the country at large thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government has received any proposal to run Medical Tourism train in the country therefor; and**
- (f) if so, the status of that proposal?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) and (b): 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 AYUSH has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) to work together for the Promotion of Medical Value Travel in Ayurveda and other traditional systems of medicine.

(c) and (d): As informed by Ministry of Railways, there is no such proposal with the Ministry of Railways.

(e) and (f): As conveyed by Ministry of Railways, One service provider registered with South Eastern Railway had submitted a proposal for running Medical Tourism Train under Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train Scheme. However, this proposal was not found fulfilling the requirements of Bharat Gaurav Train Policy.
