

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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MEDICAL TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY

445 SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- (a) whether Government is boosting medical tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of number of medical tourists that arrived in the country, especially Maharashtra, during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the total revenue earned, State/UT-wise, due to foreign tourists arriving for their medical treatment during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether Government is taking any steps to develop medical tourism hubs in smaller/tier-2 cities in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism promotes India in a holistic manner, through various initiatives. As part of on-going activities; promotion of various tourism destinations and products of India including Medical Tourism are taken up.

It has been conveyed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that it has launched India's official portal for Medical Value Travel (MVT) for those who want to avail medical treatment in India. This portal helps streamline the information and patient journey of international medical travellers to India. The portal can be accessed by web-link <https://healinindia.gov.in/>.

To facilitate the visit of foreign nationals to come to India for medical treatment, the Govt. of India has extended e-medical visa/ e-medical Attendant visa facility to nationals of 167 countries.

The total year wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals for medical purpose during last 3 years are given below:

Year	Medical Purpose (in thousand)
2020	183
2021	304
2022	475
2023 (*)	635

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), *: Provisional

The State wise purpose wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals details are not maintained by Ministry of Tourism.

(c): Ministry of Tourism does not maintain data on revenue earned due to medical tourism.

(d) & (e): It has been conveyed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that the Government of India has made special provisions for loans to build healthcare infrastructure in tier-2 and tier-3 cities.

Many major hospitals have invested in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. Specialty procedures like dental implants, cosmetic surgeries are now available in these tier-2 and tier-3 cities.
