

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2677
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DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL TOURISM SECTOR

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 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 in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year;**
- (c) the total revenue earned due to foreign tourists arriving in the country for their medical treatment during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;**
- (d) 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;**
- (e) whether there exists any policy for the regulation of the private medical sector with respect to medical tourism and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the details of financial assistance granted to the Wellness Tourist Service Providers and the Medical Tourist Service Providers under the Marketing Development Assistance Scheme during the last three years and the current year?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (f): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including medical tourism is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry complements the efforts of States/UTs by developing and promoting

various tourism products of the country, including medical tourism through various schemes and initiatives.

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 Government of India has extended e-medical visa/e-medical Attendant visa facility.

The total year-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals for medical purpose during last 5 years are given below:

Year	Medical Purpose (in thousand)
2020	183
2021	324
2022	475
2023	659
2024 (*)	625

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

The Ministry of Tourism does not maintain data on State wise purpose wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals and revenue earned due to medical tourism.

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.
