

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2219
ANSWERED ON 07.08.2025

MEDICAL TOURISM

2219 SHRI KESRIDEVSINH JHALA:
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SHRI MADAN RATHORE:
SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY:

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

- (a) the total number of medical tourists landed in India in 2025;
- (b) the top source countries accounting for medical tourist in the last five years;
- (c) the steps undertaken to improve India's rank in global wellness tourism markets;
- (d) the role of "Heal in India" initiative in capacity building and easing visa norms;
- (e) whether the Ministry has collaborated with any private entity so far under the initiative;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Jharkhand;
- (g) the manner in which Gujarat collaborate with regional wellness retreats; and
- (h) the manner in which Gujarat's medical outreach strengthen India's health diplomacy?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The total number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) for medical purposes in India during 2025 (up to April) is 1,31,856, which constitutes approximately 4.1% of the total FTAs during this period.

(b): The top source countries accounting for medical tourist in the last five years is given in the **Annexure**.

(c) 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.

As conveyed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the ecosystem for medical tourism includes a host of service providers, facilitators, hospitals, commercial agencies such as hotels and airlines, regulatory agencies and Government. Ministry of Health

and Family Welfare takes appropriate measures for building capacity through Public Private Partnership for promoting 'Heal in India' including hospitals, public association and trade bodies etc.

Further, 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 to nationals of 171 countries.

(g) & (h): As informed by the State Government, Gujarat collaborates with regional wellness retreats by extending marketing and promotional support through the following initiatives:

- Registration of Gujarat-based wellness retreats on the official Tourism Department website.
- Participation in wellness-focused events, seminars, and exhibitions.
- Organising familiarisation (FAM) trips for industry stakeholders to wellness retreat centres.
- Promotion of wellness centres through the Tourism Department's social media platforms.

Furthermore, Gujarat's medical outreach contributes to India's health diplomacy by actively promoting medical tourism through the following measures:

- Showcasing Gujarat's healthcare infrastructure and medical expertise at the global level.
- Providing training to paramedical staff to enhance service quality for international patients.
- Participating in and hosting global health and wellness events, exhibitions, conferences, and seminars.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2219 ANSWERED ON 07.08.2025 REGARDING MEDICAL TOURISM RAISED BY SHRI KESRIDEVSIH JHALA, SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA, SMT. RAMILABEN BECHARBHAI BARA, SHRI BABURAM NISHAD, SHRI ADITYA PRASAD, DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE, SHRI MADAN RATHORE AND SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY

Top source countries accounting for medical tourist in the last five years

S. No.	Country	Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) for the Medical purpose				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	Bangladesh	99,155	1,86,633	3,26,805	4,99,951	4,82,336
2	Iraq	16,647	15,357	30,701	28,758	32,008
3	Somalia	1,712	3,847	1,006	15,947	11,717
4	Oman	4,328	7,610	11,121	13,397	10,431
5	Uzbekistan	1,712	3,847	6,768	7,081	8,921
	Total FTAs for Medical purpose	1,82,945	3,23,748	4,74,798	6,59,356	6,44,387

Source: Bureau of Immigration
