

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1383  
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026**

**STATUS AND GROWTH POTENTIAL OF MEDICAL TOURISM**

**1383. MD ABU TAHER KHAN:**

**SMT. POONAMBEN HEMATBHAI MAADAM:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken specific measures for the promotion of medical tourism in India as part of its tourism promotion strategy, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the current status and growth potential of medical tourism in India, including the number of foreign patients/medical tourists visiting the country especially in Gujarat and the revenue generated from medical tourism during the last five years and the current year and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has identified key challenges affecting the growth of medical tourism, such as visa facilitation, infrastructure gaps, international accreditation, pricing transparency and coordination among stakeholders and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government, in coordination with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Commerce and Industry proposes to implement policy or incentive measures to promote India as a global medical tourism hub and if so, the details and timelines thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government has taken any initiative to promote tourism destination of India in domestic and global markets and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (e): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including medical tourism is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration.**

**The Ministry of Tourism promotes India in a holistic manner, through various initiatives. As part of on-going activities, promotion of medical & Wellness tourism, is also taken up.**

**The Ministry of Tourism has not conducted any study to assess the current status, key challenges and growth potential of medical tourism in India. The Ministry of Tourism does not maintain data on State wise purpose wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals and revenue earned due to medical tourism.**

**As per the Bureau of Immigration (BOI), the total year-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals for medical purpose during last 5 years are given below:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>FTAs in India</b>	<b>FTAs for Medical Purposes</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>1,09,30,355</b>	<b>6,97,453</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>27,44,766</b>	<b>1,82,945</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>15,27,114</b>	<b>3,23,748</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>64,37,467</b>	<b>4,74,798</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>95,20,928</b>	<b>6,59,356</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>99,51,722</b>	<b>6,44,387</b>
<b>2025 (Jan to Nov) (P)</b>	<b>79,34,617</b>	<b>4,50,633</b>

**(P): Provisional**

**In order to provide impetus to the growth of Medical and Wellness tourism in India and maintain India's competitive advantage, Ministry of Tourism formulated a National Strategy and Roadmap for Medical and Wellness Tourism and circulated to concerned Central Ministries, State Governments and Industry Stakeholders.**

**The Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC) under the Ministry of Commerce has developed a comprehensive website viz., <http://www.indiahealthcaretourism.com> which provides information on accredited hospitals and wellness centres, visa, healthcare providers etc. The Ministry of Tourism has provided a link to this portal on its official websites.**

**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.**

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