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MEDICAL TOURISM

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

- (a) the number of medical tourists visiting India during the last three years, country-wise;
- (b) the details of patients alongwith the category of procedures/ consultations received by them;
- (c) the details of regulatory frameworks implemented to ensure that informed consent, medical malpractice and data protection concerns are protected when the patients hail from different legal environments; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that a boost in medical tourism does not stress locally available medical facilities and prioritize foreigners over vulnerable Indians in need of care?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The number of medical tourists visiting India during the last three years from the major 5 source countries is given below:

S. No.	Country / Category	2022	2023	2024
1	Bangladesh	3,26,805	4,99,951	4,82,336
2	Iraq	30,701	28,758	32,008
3	Somalia	1,006	15,947	11,717
4	Oman	11,121	13,397	10,431
5	Uzbekistan	6,768	7,081	8,921
	Others	98,397	94,222	98,974
	Total FTAs for Medical Purpose	4,74,798	6,59,356	6,44,387

(b): The Ministry of Tourism does not maintain disaggregated data regarding individual patient details or the specific categories of procedures and consultations received by them. Furthermore, the Ministry has not conducted any formal assessment regarding specific treatments popular in India during the last five years.

(c): The Ministry of Tourism has formulated a National Strategy and Roadmap for Medical and Wellness Tourism which has been circulated to concerned Central Ministries, State Governments, and industry stakeholders to provide an institutional framework. To ensure quality and standardized care, the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) provides accreditation for hospitals, wellness centers, and healthcare facilities.

(d): Development and promotion of tourist destinations, including medical tourism, is primarily a State subject. To ensure that medical tourism growth supplements rather than stresses the existing healthcare ecosystem, the Government of India has made special provisions for loans to build healthcare infrastructure specifically in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. This initiative aims to expand the overall healthcare capacity of the country, thereby supporting both international patients and the domestic population.
