

- (e) if so, the date along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The State Government of Maharashtra is proposing to set up two floating jetties near the Gateway of India to improve embarkation and disembarkation facilities for tourist visiting Elephanta, Alibag and other places. The proposal is awaiting clearance of the Indian Navy.

Medical tourism in India

3852. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of medical tourism in India;
- (b) whether the super-bug report has cast certain adverse effect on this sector;
- (c) whether immigration rules in India are discouraging foreign patients for medical treatment in India; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia*, indicating the action plan to address this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) and (b) Medical Tourism is one of the growing segments of travel into India. The percentage of Foreign Tourist Arrivals visiting India for Medical Treatment increased from 2.2% in 2009 to 2.7% in 2010. No study has been commissioned to assess the impact of super-bug report on this sector.

(c) and (d) There are no specific inputs which suggest that immigration rules are discouraging foreign patients from coming to India for medical treatment.

FDI in tourism projects

3853. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Foreign Direct Investment are allowed for the development of tourism projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the projects on which FDI is involved; and
- (c) the likely affects of FDI in tourism projects and employment generation expected to be achieved?