

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**RAJYA SABHA
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DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH CARE CITIES IN THE COUNTRY

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Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether countries like South Korea have formulated specialized health care cities to promote geographical locations as centres of health excellence and whether Government intends to come out with any similar policy, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government intends to support city level bodies for the promotion of medical tourism in their cities?

**ANSWER
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(a) to (b): Union Ministry of Health is coordinating with other Ministries and stakeholders to promote medical value travel in the country. Several rounds of stakeholder consultations have been conducted with line Ministries, Hospitals, MVT facilitators, Insurance Companies and NABH etc. to identify the challenges and opportunities in the sector.

An institutional approach in coordination with other Ministries like Ministry of Tourism, AYUSH, Home Affairs, External Affairs, Civil Aviation, State Governments and other relevant stakeholders is adopted for promotion of medical value travel.

Certain countries wherein a concerted effort to promote India's competing strength in modern as well as traditional medicine is taken up. Similarly, action is taken up to strengthen and promote identified hospitals (Modern Medicine and AYUSH), airports, visa regime etc. for promotion of MVT.

Ministry of Tourism has also formulated a National Strategy and Roadmap for Medical and Wellness Tourism to boost medical value travel in country.
