

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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ENCOURAGING MEDICAL TOURISM

341 SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

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

- (a) the total revenue generated from medical tourism over the last five years, along with year-on-year growth rates, year-wise;
- (b) whether Government considering streamlining the medical e-visa process to attract more international patients, if so, the steps taken in this regard; and
- (c) whether there is any plan to establish dedicated healthcare zones or hubs with world-class facilities to attract medical tourists, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism does not maintain data on the revenue generated from medical tourism.

(b): Government of India has taken a number of initiatives over the last few years to attract more international tourists. To facilitate the visit of foreign nationals to come to India for medical treatment, the Govt. of India has extended e-medical visa/ e-medical Attendant visa facility to nationals of 167 countries. Also, e-visa facility is available under 9 sub-categories i.e. 'e-Tourist Visa', 'e-Business Visa', 'e-Medical Visa', 'e-Medical Attendant Visa', 'e-Conference Visa', 'e-Ayush Visa', 'e-Ayush Attendant Visa', 'e-Student Visa' and 'e-Student X Visa'. The e-Visa is valid for entry through 31 designated Airports and 6 designated seaports.

(c): As per the information received, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched India's official portal for Medical Value Travel (MVT), which is 'Advantage Healthcare India portal'. It is a "One-Stop" portal developed for the facilitation of information for those who want to avail medical treatment in India from abroad. Any international patient seeking medical care or wellness services in India can visit the Advantage Healthcare India portal by logging on to www.healinindia.gov.in.

It has also been conveyed that the Government of India has introduced special provisions for loans to support the development of healthcare infrastructure in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. Many major hospitals have invested in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. Specialty procedures like dental implants and cosmetic surgeries are now available in these tier-2 and tier-3 cities.
