

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware of tremendous tourist potential of medical tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the scheme formulated by the Government for its development during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) : Yes, sir.

(b) : Medical tourism is an evolving concept and some states like Adhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Delhi etc. with medical facilities of international standards are promoting medical tourism.

(c) : The Department of Tourism has produced a brochure and CD Rom titled 'Body, Mind & Soul' giving information on ancient proven healing methods, which are distributed by India Tourism offices in India and abroad. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has set up a Task Force to promote medical tourism across the globe, so as to gainfully utilize the health care expertise and infrastructure available in the country.