

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN PATIENTS IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an increase in the number of foreign patients in the country ;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to announce any package for the treatment of foreigners;
- (c) whether the Government has selected some States and their hospitals for treatment of the foreigners ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) Yes sir. Though there are no exact figures of foreign patients coming to India, according to Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), it is estimated that about 1.5 lakh foreign patients came to India in 2003.

A task force has been set up with a view to promoting India as a Health Destination.

The Task Force has been entrusted with issues relating to making available specific types of health facilities including super-speciality medical care, out-sourcing of medical services, traditional medicine expertise available etc. Identification of the list of hospitals / institutions having standard facilities has also been entrusted to the Task Force.