

**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 has included Medical Tourism under the Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the financial assistance granted to the Medical Tourism Service Providers (MTSP) in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Financial support under the Market Development Assistance Scheme (MDA) is provided to approved Medical Tourism Service Providers, i.e. Representatives of Hospitals accredited by Joint Commission for International Accredited Hospitals (JCI) and National Accreditation Board of Hospitals (NABH) and Medical Tourism facilitators (Travel Agents/Tour Operators) approved by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and engaged in Medical Tourism subject to adherence to scheme guidelines and availability of funds. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.12,47,966.00 as MDA to 10 Medical Tourism Service Providers during current year.