

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of foreign nationals are visiting the country for medical treatment;
- (b) if so, the details of foreign nationals visited during the last three years and the current year for the purpose, year-wise and country-wise; and
- (c) the details of revenue/foreign exchange earned by the Government as result thereof, year-wise and country-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (c) Yes. As per the information obtained from the Ministry of Tourism about 2% to 3% of the foreign tourists visit India for obtaining medical treatment.

The detailed information regarding the foreign tourists visiting India for medical purpose are not maintained centrally. However, the number of foreign tourist arrivals (FTAs) in India for various purposes, including leisure, medical treatment etc. and the percentage thereof for medical treatment is as follow:

YEAR FTAs % of medical tourists

2008 5282603 N.A.

2009 5167699 2.2%

2010 5775692 2.7%

2011 6290000 N.A

The information regarding foreign exchange revenue earned from medical tourism is however, not compiled centrally by the Ministry of Tourism,