

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the patients from other countries are coming to India for treatments and operations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of comparative medical cost for various medical treatment in India and abroad; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to attract more foreign patients to India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has initiated various measures to promote Medical Tourism in the country. The measures include extending financial support under the marketing Development Assistance [MDA] Scheme of Ministry of Tourism to Medical Tourism Service Providers and Medical Tourism Facilitators for promotion in overseas markets, introduction of an additional category of "Medical Visa" for foreign tourists coming to India for medical treatment, production of publicity material and dissemination of information through India tourism offices and website of the Ministry of Tourism.

The medical cost for various medical treatments varies from Hospital to Hospital, State to State and in different countries.