



# Medical and Wellness Tourism Policy

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Tourism products including medical and wellness tourism are mostly driven by the private sector and cost of such services are determined by market forces.

Ministry of Tourism has released Guidelines for promotion of Medical and Wellness Tourism as Niche Tourism Product. As per the guidelines, Ministry of Tourism offers financial support to accredited Medical and Wellness Tourism Service Providers, Chambers of Commerce and other organisations as Marketing Development Assistance, for Publicity, organising workshop/events/seminars and for organising Wellness and Medical Tourism Promotion shows.

The list of accredited hospitals searchable by Specialty, Procedure, Location and Language Capabilities is already available on the website [www.indiahealthcaretourism.com](http://www.indiahealthcaretourism.com) of the Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC). The link for the same is provided from Ministry of Tourism website [www.incredibleindia.org](http://www.incredibleindia.org).

Year wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India of tourists coming for medical purpose, during the last three years is given below:

Year	FTAs
2014 *	184298
2015 #	233918
2016 *	361060

Ministry of Tourism has not done any forecasting of medical tourist arrivals for coming years.

\* includes all type of medical and medical attendant visa.

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This information was given by Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State for Tourism and Culture (Independent Charge) in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

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