

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:408

ANSWERED ON:25.04.2005

MEDICAL TOURISM

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote medical tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "OTs getting ready for tourists" appearing in 'The Hindustan Times' dated March 23, 2005;
- (d) if so, whether the Ministry of Tourism has taken up this issue with Ministries of Health and Family Welfare and Home Affairs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and by when a fool proof strategy will be finalised for this purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.408 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.04.2005 REGARDING MEDICAL TOURISM

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare along with Ministry of Tourism have set up a Task Force with a view to promoting India as a Health Tourism Destination across the world so as to gainfully utilize the Health Care expertise and infrastructure available in the country.

Ministry of Tourism has published a brochure and CD-ROM titled 'Body, Mind and Soul' giving information on ancient and proven healing techniques which are distributed by Indiatourism Offices in India and abroad.

(c), (d) and (e): Yes, Sir. The Task Force set up for the purpose consists of the members from the Health Organisations, Travel Trade, officials from the various Ministries such as Ministry of Health, Tourism, Civil Aviation, Finance, External Affairs, Home Affairs, State Governments, etc.