

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:136

ANSWERED ON:30.11.2006

HEALTH TOURISM CENTRES

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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) The rules/norms regarding setting up of health tourism centres ;
- (b) Whether the Government has set up/proposes to set up health tourism centres in some States for promoting health tourism in the country ;
- (c) If so, the details alongwith the locations thereof; and
- (d) If not, the reasons therefor and the time by which these are likely to be set up ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) : A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.136 ANSWERED ON 30.11.2006 REGARDING HEALTH TOURISM CENTRES.

(a) : The Department of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Sidha and Homoeopathy) of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare have prescribed guidelines for accreditation of Ayurveda and Panchakarma centers. The objective of these guidelines is to ensure that Panchkarma and Ayurveda therapy is administered as per standard operating procedures and certain minimum prerequisites of infrastructure availability is complied with by every centre. The guidelines have laid down standards for Gold leaf and Silver leaf categories classification based on availability of infrastructure and facilities at these centres.

(b) & (c): Health care centres are set up by State/UT Governments or Private Sector at various locations in the country. Ministry of Tourism has taken steps to promote the centres of excellence in overseas market through, brochure, CDs, films and other publicity materials as well as through specific promotion at various international travel fairs such as World Travel Mart, London and ITB Berlin etc. The Guide prepared by the Indian Healthcare Federation for accreditation of health care establishments in the Private sector and Price banding of their services has been placed on Ministry's website, [www.incredibleindia.org](http://www.incredibleindia.org) for wider publicity.

(d) : Does not arise.