Second Meeting of National Medical & Wellness Tourism Board (NMWTB)

28 March, 2017 at New Delhi
First Meeting of NMWTB  Status/ Action Taken
(on 13 January 2016)

Three Sub-Committees of the Board constituted

- Committee I- On Matters relating to Visas
- Committee II- On Accreditation of Hospitals and Allied Services
- Committee III- On Marketing and Promotion

First Meeting of the Sub-Committees

Second meeting of the Sub-Committees

- Held on 26-27 April 2016
- Held on 12-13 January 2017
Sub-Committee - I

Membership of the Sub-Committee

On Matters relating to Visa

- Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism
- Joint Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH
- Director, IT&I, Ministry of External Affairs
- Chairman, IMA
- President, IATO
- President, CII
- President Association of Wellness, Ayurveda and Spa
- Dr. Devi Shetty, Narayana Health
- Shri. Bhavdeep Singh, CEO Fortis Healthcare
Sub-Committee - 1

Recommendations

- Duration of e-medical visa should be for 6 months, with double entry.
- Attendants be made eligible for e-medical visa on automatic route with a simplified online application procedure.
- Hospitals to be responsible for reporting of personal details of patients to FRRO
- Requirement of referral letter from local doctor may be dropped.
Recommendations

- Issues relating to Bangladesh/African countries to be taken up with MEA for further appropriate action.

- Visa fee for e-medical visa to be rationalized.

- Expedite accreditation process and issue of accreditation letters with respect to treatment at Ayurveda and Wellness centers.
During Second Meeting of the Committee

Sub-Committee - I

Recommendations

- MHA may be requested to include at least one Medical Attendant who could accompany the patient on the e-Medical Visa and the visa application for the attendant be linked with that of the patient (e-Medical Visa applicant).

- Only invitation from NABH accredited hospitals be considered for e-Medical Visa.
Sub-Committee - I

During Second Meeting of the Committee

Recommendations

- NABH to explore options of setting up and manning facilitation counter for the Medical Tourists at major international airports.

- Rationalise the cost of e-Medical Visa and make it at par with the e-Tourist Visa
Recommendations

- Medical visit included in category of e-visas
- Invitation from accredited hospitals accepted as requirement for e-medical visa.
- NABH has expressed inability to man airport counters due to resource constraints.
- MEA considering rationalization of visa fees.
Sub-Committee - II

Accreditation of Hospitals and Allied Services

- Joint Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH
- CEO, NABH
- Director, NABH
- Chairman, IMA
- Vice-Chancellor, Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhan Sanstha
- MD, Patanjali Ayurveda
- MD Kottakkal Arya Vaidyashala
- MD & CEO, Max Super Specialty Hospital
- Secretary General, HAI

Membership of the Sub-Committee
Sub-Committee - II

During First Meeting of the Committee

Recommendations

- Need for standardization and accreditation of services being provided by hospitals, wellness centers and spas.

- Standardization and accreditation of services provided by Ayurveda and Yoga institutions should be considered.

- Colleges serving Indian systems of Medicine should be encouraged to be accredited.
Sub-Committee - II

Recommendations

- Accreditation to be considered at multiple levels and also for the components of the entire value chain which handles the patients to remove the possibility of touts misusing the system.

- Efforts to be made to have at least 10 accredited institutions in each of the fields in every state having the potential.
Sub-Committee - II

Recommendations

- Ministry of AYUSH would provide the list of approved Yoga institutions to Ministry of Tourism

- The NABH would inform the Board once the standards for the Standalone Wellness Centres/Spas are finalized.

- NABH to broad-base the pre-qualification procedure for Medical Value Travel Facilitator to include tour operators approved by Ministry of Tourism.
Sub-Committee - II

Recommendations

- NABH has introduced norms for accreditation of Hospitals. List of accredited AYUSH hospitals provided by NABH.

- Colleges of Indian Medicine accredited by NABH as mandated by Ministry of AYUSH.

- NABH accreditation of Panchkarma Clinics launched in March 2017.

- NABH has released norms for empanelment of Medical Value Travel Facilitators. Tour operators fulfilling NABH norms can apply for empanelment.
## Sub-Committee - III

### Membership of the Sub-Committee

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marketing &amp; Promotions</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>- Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Director, IT&amp;P, Ministry of External Affairs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- President, IATO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Secretary General, HAI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Secretary General, FHRAI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Vice-Chancellor, Vivekanada Yoga Anusandhan Sanstha</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- FICCI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- PHDCCI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- CII</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- IMA</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Recommendations

- Need to popularize the products and back end services related to Yoga and Ayurveda in selected markets.
- The website www.indianhealthcaretourism.com be linked to websites of MOT & MEA and publicized.