

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-81
ANSWERED ON- 02/02/2024**

HENLEY PASSPORT INDEX 2024

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether as per Henley Passport Index 2024, India is still languishing at 80th position which has gone up by just 1 position from 81 in 2018 to 80 in 2023;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons that India is not able to push up its position and is placed along with Senegal and Togo; and**
- (c) the efforts being taken by the Government to push rank to within 50?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)**

(a to c) There are certain private institutions, which publish such ratings based on parameters decided by them. The Government of India has been continuously making efforts to increase the number of countries that may provide visa free travel, visa-on-arrival and e-Visa facilities to Indians for ease of traveling around the world. As on date, 16 countries provide visa-free entry, 40 countries provide visa-on-arrival facility and 47 countries provide e-Visa facility to Indian passport holders. Currently India is providing e-Visa facilities to nationals of 171 countries.

However, formulation of policies w.r.t issuance of visas is a sovereign matter of the respective country and the matter regarding providing visa free entry/visa-on-arrival facility also depends on various factors including bilateral relations and principle of reciprocity.
