

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:177
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2001
VISA ON ARRIVAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether to attract tourists, a proposal is in hand to issue visa-on-arrival in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme and the time by which it is likely to be implemented;
- (c) whether the impact of scheme on security risk has been assessed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the expected increase in tourist traffic with the implementation of this scheme and the amount of foreign exchange proposed to be earned ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.177 ANSWERED ON 02.08.2001 REGARDING VIS ARRIVAL SCHEME.

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) : In order to facilitate tourists and increase tourist arrivals the proposal of 'Visa-on-Arrival' was taken up by the Department of Tourism for consideration of the Committee of Secretaries in November, 2000. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs did not agree to this proposal and therefore the scheme has not been implemented. The issue is being taken up at by the Minister of Tourism with the Minister of Home Affairs.