

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5252
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2010
MISSION MODE PROJECT FOR VISA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to launch a mission mode project for visa and immigration services in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked therefor;
- (c) whether there are any proposals to waive of fifty percent of visa fee and introduce visa on arrival scheme with more countries in view of the upcoming Commonwealth Games; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5252 BY SHRI R. THAMARASELVAN, SHRI P. KUMAR AND SHRI P.T. THOMAS TO BE ANSWERED ON 27-04-2010

(a) & (b): Modernization and up-gradation of Immigration services in the country is a Mission Mode Project [MMP] to be undertaken by the Ministry of Home Affairs under the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP). The MMP is titled "Immigration, Visa and Foreigners Registration & Tracking (MFRT)". This Project aims to develop a secure and integrated service delivery framework to enhance security and facilitation in the Visa issuance process, strengthen the Immigration function besides fortifying the Foreigners Registration Processes for effective tracking of foreigners.

The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1011 crore. The Project is to be implemented in a planned and phased manner over a period of 4½ years i.e. w.e.f. April, 2010 to September, 2014.

With the implementation of this project, all the 169 Indian Missions across the globe, 77 Immigration Check Posts (ICPs), and the Foreigners Regional Registration Offices(FRROs)/Foreigners Registration Offices (FROs) in the country would be linked with the Central Foreigners Bureau (CFB).

(c) & (d): No, Madam.