

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to extend visa on arrival scheme, which is now in practice for five countries only to more countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to do away with the discretionary powers of the Indian High Commission in Pakistan to issue visas and henceforth all applications are to be screened by Home Ministry and other security agencies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) & (c): No, Madam.
- (b) & (d): Question does not arise.