

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has offered some incentives to the tourists of certain countries to promote tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also considering to give such incentives to some more countries for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Tourism makes efforts to improve the quality of service to the tourists. At present Ministry of Tourism is not offering any incentive to the tourists. However, in order to promote tourism, Tourist Visa on Arrival (TVOA) scheme was introduced by the Government of India for the nationals of five countries, namely, Japan, Singapore, Finland, Luxembourg and New Zealand with effect from 01.01.2010. In the year 2011, this scheme has been extended by the Ministry of Home Affairs for the nationals of Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Philippines, Myanmar and Indonesia.

(c) to (e): Extension of TVOA scheme to more countries has been taken up with the Ministry of Home Affairs.