

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1205
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VISA ON ARRIVAL
Das Shri Khagen

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the countries which have been provided with the facility of Tourist Visa on Arrival for promotion of tourism in the country;
- (b) the extent to which the above relaxation has given a boost to tourism in the country;
- (c) whether several other countries have requested the Government to provide them the facility of Tourist Visa on Arrival; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The Government of India has provided Tourist Visa on Arrival (TVOA) facility for the citizens of 11 countries viz. Japan, Singapore, Finland, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Philippines, Myanmar and Indonesia for promotion of tourism in the country. 16289 nationals of above mentioned countries availed the TVOA facility upto October, 2011.
- (c): No formal request has been received in the Ministry Home Affairs to provide facility of TVOA, from any other country.
- (d): Does not arise.