

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DELAY IN ISSUE OF VISAS TO FOREIGNERS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether instance of delay in issue of visas to tourist by different Indian High Commissions been reported;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the average time taken by Indian High Commissions and Embassies in different countries to issue tourist visas and other visas; and
- (d) the steps/action taken in reduce time lays in issuing visas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

- (a) No.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) In routine cases, Missions/Posts normally grant visas in one to three days.
- (d) With the introduction of The Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration and Tracking (IVFRT) scheme which is being implemented in a phased manner, time taken to grant visas will be reduced in cases requiring clearances from the Ministry of Home Affairs.