

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2606
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RESTRICTION ON FOREIGN TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had made HIV testing and related restriction mandatory for foreigners before entering India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said provision has now been withdrawn by the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the said guidelines have been circulated to all concerned agencies; and
- (f) if so, the status of the implementation thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) : The policy of health check / AIDS testing of foreigners was reviewed in consultation with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in 2002 and it was decided to dispense with the requirement of mandatory HIV testing of foreigners. Accordingly necessary guidelines were circulated to all concerned in 2002 and the same has been reiterated in 2012.