

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5258

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EMBARKING DISEMBARKING CARD FOR INDIAN FOREIGNERS

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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has simplified or proposes to simplify the process of issuing of the Embarking Card for Indians and Disembarking Cards for foreigners;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which the tourism in the country is likely to be benefited from this move;
- (d) whether the Government has invited comments from various stakeholders in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the comments received by the Government have been incorporated in the new procedure?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI)

- (a) & (b): As per the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Embarkation and Disembarkation Cards are proposed to be made smaller by reducing the information to be filled up. In the new procedure, Embarkation and Disembarkation Cards will be required to be filled up by arriving foreign nationals and departing Indian nationals only.
- (c): This is a tourist friendly initiative of the Government.
- (d) & (e): An inter-Ministerial meeting was held to discuss the proposed Embarkation and Disembarkation Cards. Comments/suggestions are considered before taking final decision.