GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3797 ANSWERED ON:18.02.2014 EXTENSION OF VISA ON ARRIVAL SCHEME Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether introduction of 'Visa on Arrival' (VoA) Scheme has increased the number of tourists in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government has recently decided to extend the said scheme to more countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the names of countries to whom this scheme is made available;

(d) whether the Government proposes to extend this facility at more airports in the country in view of extension to more countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Tourist from 11 countries covered in the Tourists Visa on Arrival facility have availed the facility as given below:

Year No. of Visitors 2010 6549 2011 12761 2012 16084 2013 20294

(b): No, Madam.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Does not arise.