

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government had finalized issuance of long-term visas with multiple entry point provision for foreign tourists; and
- (b) if so, the names of countries which were included in the list of long-term visas with multiple entry point provision?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM(KUMARI SELJA)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Home Affairs has introduced "Long Term Tourist Visa" with multiple entries with validity of five years, for tourists from 18 countries since 2006. These countries are France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Belgium, Finland, Spain, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Vietnam.