

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:276

ANSWERED ON:16.03.2015

E VISA

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of e-visas issued by the Government during the last three months;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to extend electronic travel authorization or its e-visa facility to six more countries and if so, the details thereof, country-wise along with the objective behind the move; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a)to (c): A Statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.276 ANSWERED ON 16,03.2015 REGARDING E-VISA.

(a):There is no such scheme by the name of e-Visa in Government of India. However, Government recently introduced Tourist Visa on Arrival (TVoA) enabled with Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) scheme to 44 countries. During last three (3) months 87610 TVoA-ETA have been issued by the Government of India.

(b)& (c): The inclusion of additional countries is a continuous process which is done after appropriate consultation with all stake holders of Government of India.