

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3885
ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018**

VISA ON ARRIVAL

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has extended/proposes to extend the list of countries coming under the purview of visa-on-arrival for the purpose of tourism;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the countries included in the said list and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the extent to which the said facility has been helpful in increasing the foreign tourist inflow in the country; and**
- (d) the status of international tourists visiting India along with the locations/tourist spots/sites visited by them during the last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)

(a) & (b): The Visa on arrival facility is presently extended to the citizens of Japan. However, the Government of India has extended e-visa facility to the citizens of 163 countries. The list of countries for which the e-Visa facility is available is at Annexure-I. Expansion of the visa on arrival or the e -visa scheme to more countries is a continuous process, which is done after appropriate consultation with all stakeholders.

(c) & (d): e-visa has been a game changer for Indian Tourism. The international Tourist Arrivals to India has seen marked increase since the introduction of e-visa facility. Foreign Tourist Arrival (FTAs) on e-tourist visa for the last three years are as below:

Year	FTAs
2015	445300
2016	1079696
2017	1697175

The status of international tourists visiting India during the last three years, year-wise and State/UT wise is given at Annexure-II. The Ministry of Tourism does not collect information regarding tourist visits to specific location/tourist spots/sites etc.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3885 ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018 REGARDING VISA ON ARRIVAL.

e-Visa Facility is available for nationals of following countries/territories:

Albania, Andorra, Angola, Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon Union Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Cayman Island, Chile, China, China- SAR Hongkong, China- SAR Macau, Colombia, Comoros, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Laos, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Montserrat, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger Republic, Niue Island, Norway, Oman, Palau, Palestine, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal , Republic of Korea, Republic of Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos Island, Tuvalu, UAE, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, USA, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vatican City-Holy See, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

ANNEXURE-II
STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3885 ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018 REGARDING VISA ON ARRIVAL.
Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits to States/ UTs during 2014 – 2016

Sl. No.	State/ UT	2014		2015		2016		Growth Rate		Rank 2016	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	285146	17235	296684	14674	384552	15466	29.62	5.40	31	26
2	Andhra Pradesh	93306974	66333	121591054	237854	153163354	341764	25.97	43.69	3	15
3	Arunachal Pradesh	335974	5204	352067	5705	385875	6598	9.60	15.65	30	30
4	Assam	4826702	21537	5491845	24720	5160599	12685	-6.03	-48.69	23	27
5	Bihar	22544377	829508	28029118	923737	28516127	1010531	1.74	9.40	14	8
6	Chandigarh	1061419	28365	1073842	29538	1182504	31549	10.12	6.81	25	25
7	Chhattisgarh	24488465	7777	18327841	6394	16534471	9220	-9.78	44.20	17	28
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	579638	1799	527782	1797	589074	1891	11.61	5.23	29	34
9	Daman & Diu	795167	4620	790911	5858	826201	5669	4.46	-3.23	27	31
10	Delhi *	22626859	2319046	25258051	2379169	28460832	2520083	12.68	5.92	15	4
11	Goa	3544634	513592	4756422	541480	5650061	680683	18.79	25.71	22	9
12	Gujarat	30912043	235524	36288463	284973	42252909	343752	16.44	20.63	9	14
13	Haryana	7467064	314757	7395496	303118	7382995	331291	-0.17	9.29	21	16
14	Himachal Pradesh	15924701	389699	17125045	406108	17997750	452770	5.10	11.49	16	12
15	Jammu & Kashmir	9438544	86477	9145016	58568	9414579	63207	2.95	7.92	12	17
16	Jharkhand	33427144	154731	33079530	167785	33389286	169442	0.94	0.99	20	23
17	Karnataka	118283220	561870	119863942	636502	129762600	461752	8.26	-27.45	5	11
18	Kerala	11695411	923366	12465571	977479	13172536	1038419	5.67	6.23	18	7

19	Lakshadweep	7315	514	17241	1173	8716	753	-49.45	-35.81	36	36
20	Madhya Pradesh	63614525	316195	77975738	421365	150490339	363195	93.00	-13.81	4	13
21	Maharashtra * #	92632097	4389098	103403934	4408916	116515801	4670049	12.68	5.92	6	2
22	Manipur	115499	2769	146169	3260	150638	3064	3.06	-6.01	33	33
23	Meghalaya	716469	8664	751165	8027	830887	8476	10.61	5.59	26	29
24	Mizoram	68203	921	66605	798	67238	942	0.95	18.05	34	35
25	Nagaland	58507	2585	64616	2769	58178	3260	-9.96	17.73	35	32
26	Odisha	10790622	71426	11786117	66971	12842766	76361	8.97	14.02	19	21
27	Puducherry	1188093	83291	1297192	106153	1398289	117437	7.79	10.63	24	19
28	Punjab	24271302	255449	25796361	242367	38703326	659736	50.03	172.21	11	10
29	Rajasthan	33076491	1525574	35187573	1475311	41495115	1513729	17.93	2.60	10	6
30	Sikkim	562418	49175	705023	38479	747343	66012	6.00	71.55	28	22
31	Tamil Nadu	327555233	4657630	333459047	4684707	343812413	4721978	3.10	0.80	1	1
32	Tripura	361247	26688	363172	34886	370618	36780	2.05	5.43	7	18
33	Telengana	72399113	75171	94516316	126078	95160830	166570	0.68	32.12	32	24
34	Uttar Pradesh	182820108	2909735	204888457	3104062	211707090	3156812	3.33	1.70	2	3
35	Uttarakhand	21991315	101966	29496938	105882	30505363	117106	3.42	10.60	13	20
36	West Bengal	49029590	1375740	70193450	1489500	74460250	1528700	6.08	2.63	8	5
	Total	1282801629	22334031	1431973794	23326163	1613551505	24707732	12.68	5.92		

Source: State/Union Territory Tourism Departments

*: DTVs : Estimated using All India Growth rate and FTVs: Estimated using growth of FTAs at Delhi Airport

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