

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2515
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2016**

ONLINE VISA FACILITY

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of foreign tourists visiting the country is on a steep rise after the launching of e-tourist visa scheme;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of countries from where maximum number of foreign tourist visited on e-visa;**
- (c) the number of tourists who visited on e-visa during the last three years and the current year, year-wise along with their favourite port of arrival in the country;**
- (d) whether the Government is going to capitalize on this advantage and attract more tourists by extending e-visa facility to tourists from more countries in the world; and**
- (e) whether the Government has already sent a proposal to the Ministry of Home Affairs and if so, the details thereof along with the names of the countries to which Government is**

considering to give permission for issuing visa-on-arrival along with the details of present countries?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): Government of India launched the facility of Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) enabled Tourist Visa on Arrivals (TVoAs) for the nationals of 43 countries in November 2014. Prior to this, TVoAs facility was available for citizens of 11 countries. The facility of ETA enabled TVoA has been renamed as e-Tourist Visa (e-TV). At present, the facility of e-TV is available for citizens of 150 countries. Nationality-wise breakup of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) on e-TVs during 2014, 2015 and Jan-June 2016 is given in Annexure-I. The number of FTAs on e-TVs during 2013, 2014, 2015 and Jan-June 2016 were 20294, 39064, 445300 and 471909, respectively. The facility of e-TVs is available for foreign tourists arriving at 16 airports. The port-wise FTAs on e-TVs is given in Annexure-II.

(d): Yes, Madam.

(e): Yes, Madam. Names of countries are as below:

Sr. No.	Country Name	Sr. No.	Country Name
1.	Italy	19.	Uganda
2.	Saudi Arabia	20.	Tunisia
3.	Maldives	21.	Turkmenistan
4.	Nigeria	22.	Angola
5.	Iran	23.	Algeria
6.	Turkey	24.	Kyrgyzstan
7.	Yemen	25.	Rwanda
8.	Egypt	26.	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
9.	Ethiopia	27.	Azerbaijan
10.	Kazakhstan	28.	Niger Republic
11.	Uzbekistan	29.	Cyprus
12.	Bahrain	30.	Cameroon Union Rep.
13.	Kuwait	31.	Somalia
14.	Belarus	32.	British Subject & Colo.
15.	Morocco	33.	Mali
16.	Lebanon	34.	Burundi
17.	Qatar	35.	Congo
18.	Slovak Rep.	36.	Sierra Leone

ANNEXURE-I**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2515 ANSWERED ON 01.08.2016 REGARDING ONLINE VISA FACILITY.**

Nationality-wise e-TVs					
Sl. No.	NATIONALITY 2016	e-Tourist visa 2013	TVoA (including ETA) 2014	e-Tourist visa 2015	e-Tourist visa 2016 (Jan-June)
1	Albania				12
2	Andorra			2	24
3	Anguilla			0	0
4	Antigua & Barbuda			9	5
5	Argentina			405	1383
6	Armenia			43	71
7	Aruba			0	2
8	Australia		1124	30323	20589
9	Austria				524
10	Bahamas			26	40
11	Barbados			34	33
12	Belgium			1767	2715
13	Belize			9	11
14	Bolivia			39	91
15	Bosnia				33
16	Botswana				2
17	Brazil		88	3670	2582
18	Brunei				19
19	Bulgaria				154
20	Cambodia	120	129	58	33
21	Canada			16239	19103
22	Cayman Island			4	2
23	Chile			506	695
24	China			9918	25000
25	China SAR Macau			40	83
26	China SAR Hongkong			1413	2451
27	Colombia			367	655
28	Comoros				51
29	Cook Island			0	0
30	Costa Rica			197	218
31	Cuba			11	14

32	Czech				507
33	Denmark				581
34	Djibouti			49	39
35	Dominica			17	27
36	Dominican Republic			65	63
37	East Timor			3	7
38	Ecuador			251	257
39	El Salvador			41	49
40	Eritrea				2
41	Estonia			433	694
42	Fiji		13	411	365
43	Finland	1030	1147	2147	1610
44	France			20818	31102
45	Gabon				14
46	Gambia				8
47	Georgia			240	482
48	Germany		570	32430	22142
49	Ghana				128
50	Greece				392
51	Grenada			2	4
52	Guatemala			30	42
53	Guinea				6
54	Guyana			25	18
55	Haiti			15	16
56	Honduras			28	72
57	Hungary			812	1371
58	Iceland				24
59	Indonesia	2758	3150	3499	2248
60	Ireland			1804	3383
61	Israel		122	6362	5084
62	Ivory Cost				7
63	Jamaica			41	74
64	Japan	6448	5288	7735	5753
65	Jordan		66	1070	691
66	Kenya		64	841	775
67	Kiribati			16	17
68	Laos	19	21	31	35
69	Latvia			477	577
70	Lesotho				1
71	Liberia				1
72	Liechtenstein			17	16

73	Lithuania			548	921
74	Luxembourg	145	151	280	174
75	Macedonia			57	84
76	Madagascar				7
77	Malawi				6
78	Malaysia			2993	6772
79	Malta			56	142
80	Marshall Islands			0	0
81	Mauritius		28	979	5379
82	Mexico		152	6891	3767
83	Micronesia			9	4
84	Moldova				40
85	Monaco			15	8
86	Mongolia			11	53
87	Montenegro			24	17
88	Montserrat			0	1
89	Mozambique			30	186
90	Myanmar	148	453	686	590
91	Namibia				3
92	Nauru			4	1
93	Netherlands			4269	7472
94	New Zealand	3968	4405	7065	4080
95	Nicaragua			19	35
96	Niue Islands			0	0
97	Norway		47	3420	3065
98	Oman		52	1247	1327
99	Palau			2	0
100	Palestine		3	149	135
101	Panama			38	51
102	Papua New Guinea			32	13
103	Paraguay			36	52
104	Peru			182	269
105	Philippines	2967	3783	5373	3651
106	Poland			2035	4413
107	Portugal			1379	2163
108	Rep of Croatia				80
109	Rep of Korea		6631	17606	9814
110	Romania				395
111	Russia		2121	34763	31228
112	Saint Christopher & Nevis			35	37
113	Saint Lucia			5	3

114	Saint Marino				1
115	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines			0	5
116	Samoa			17	11
117	Senegal				15
118	Serbia				72
119	Seychelles			8	11
120	Singapore	2486	4095	6691	5973
121	Slovak Rep				237
122	Slovenia			370	575
123	Solomon Islands			6	5
124	South Africa				2712
125	Spain			4509	7341
126	Sri Lanka			2067	1983
127	Suriname			11	15
128	Swaziland				3
129	Sweden			3341	4669
130	Switzerland				968
131	Taiwan			1098	1805
132	Tanzania			269	373
133	Tajikistan				16
134	Thailand		124	5098	4395
135	Tonga		1	6	6
136	Trinidad & Tobago				26
137	Turks & Caicos Island			2	2
138	Tuvalu			1	3
139	UAE		361	9745	5684
140	UK			60663	112380
141	Ukraine		1149	12370	8411
142	Uruguay			69	140
143	USA		3416	103092	71695
144	Vanuatu			8	4
145	Vatican City Holy See			1	0
146	Venezuela			124	203
147	Vietnam	205	292	706	409
148	Zambia				18
149	Zimbabwe				26
	Total	20294	39046	445300	471909

ANNEXURE-II**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA
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Portwise e-TVs for 2013,2014,2015 and January-June 2016					
Sl. No	Airport	2013	2014	2015	2016 (Jan-June)
1	New Delhi Airport	11046	16618	193414	199276
2	Mumbai Airport	4206	7861	90692	95921
3	Bengaluru Airport	380	2509	29699	29051
4	Chennai Airport	2815	4522	26781	30223
5	Hyderabad Airport	165	1041	13049	10606
6	Kochi Airport	229	1478	17525	16008
7	Kolkata Airport	1351	1931	12064	12233
8	Ahmedabad Airport			3417	6533
9	Tiruchirapalli Airport			847	2043
10	Trivandrum Airport	102	517	7650	7789
11	Amritsar Airport			2435	6341
12	Dabolim (Goa) Airport		2569	46484	53874
13	Jaipur Airport			726	1261
14	Lucknow Airport			156	233
15	Varanasi Airport			74	45
16	Gaya Airport			287	472
	Total	20294	39046	445300	471909
