

Foreign Tourist Inflow to India during December, 2017

Ministry of Tourism compiles monthly estimates of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) & FTAs on e-Tourist Visa on the basis of Nationality-wise, Port-wise data received from Bureau of Immigration (BOI).

The following are the important highlights regarding FTAs and FTAs on e-Tourist Visa during the month of December, 2017:

Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs):

- The number of FTAs in December, 2017 was 11.76 lakh as compared to FTAs of 10.21 lakh in December, 2016 and 9.13 lakh in December, 2015.
- The growth rate in FTAs in December, 2017 over December, 2016 was 15.2%, compared to 11.9% in December, 2016 over December, 2015.
- FTAs in the year 2017 were 101.77 lakh with a growth of 15.6% over 2016, compared to FTAs of 88.04 lakh with a growth of 9.7% in 2016 over 2015.
- The percentage share of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during December, 2017 among the top 15 source countries was highest from Bangladesh (19.04%) followed by USA (16.90%), UK (10.41%), Australia (5.31%), Canada (3.85%), Russian Fed. (3.79%), Malaysia (3.11%), Germany (2.08%), China (2.06%), Sri Lanka (2.01%), Singapore (1.85%), France (1.81%), Japan (1.64%), Thailand (1.60%) and Italy (1.44%).
- The percentage share of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during December 2017 among the top 15 ports was highest at Delhi Airport (25.80%) followed by Mumbai Airport (17.31%), Haridaspur Land Check Post (9.75%), Chennai Airport (6.36%), Bengaluru Airport (5.33%), Dabolim (Goa) Airport, (5.29%), Kolkata Airport (4.95%), Cochin Airport (3.92%), Hyderabad Airport (3.02%), Ahmedabad Airport (2.63%), Gede Rail Land Check Post (1.94%), Trivandrum Airport (1.64%), Trichy Airport (1.44%), Ghojadanga Land Check Post (1.26%) and Sonauli Land Check Post (1.14%).

FTAs on e-Tourist Visa:

- During the month of December, 2017, a total of 2.41 lakh foreign tourists arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 1.62 lakh during the month of December, 2016 registering a growth of 48.3%.
- In the year 2017, a total of 16.97 lakh foreign tourists arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 10.80 lakh in 2016, registering a growth of 57.2%.
- The percentage share of top 15 source countries availing e-Tourist Visa facilities during December, 2017 was as follows:

UK (17.5%), USA (13.8%), Russian Federation (6.0%), Australia (5.2%), China (4.9%), Canada (4.7%), France (3.9%), Germany (3.9%), Italy (3.1%), South Africa (3.0%), Thailand (2.6%), Korea (Rep.of) (2.3%), Singapore (2.0%), Spain (1.7%) and UAE (1.5%).
- The percentage share of top 15 ports in foreign tourist arrivals on e-Tourist Visa during December, 2017 was as follows:

New Delhi Airport (38.3%), Mumbai Airport (21.0%), Dabolim (Goa) Airport (11.1%), Chennai Airport (6.3%), Bangalore Airport(5.7%), Kochi Airport (4.4%), Kolkata Airport (2.8%), Hyderabad Airport (2.3%), Trivandrum Airport (1.7%),Ahmedabad Airport (1.6%), Amritsar Airport (1.2%),Gaya Airport (0.9%), Jaipur Airport (0.7%), Tirchy Airport (0.7%) and Calicut Airport (0.3%)
