

Progress of "Tourist Visa on Arrival" (VoA) Scheme: January, 2012

As a facilitative measure to attract more foreign tourists to India, Government launched a Scheme of "Visa on Arrival" (VoA) from January 2010 for citizens of five countries, viz. Finland, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand and Singapore, visiting India for tourism purposes. The Government has now extended this Scheme for the citizens of six more countries, namely Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Philippines and Vietnam from January 2011. Following are the important highlights of VoAs issued during January, 2012.

(i) During the month of January 2012, a total number of 1359 VoAs were issued as compared to 790 VoAs issued during January 2011 registering a growth rate of 72%, excluding the nationals of Indonesia, Laos and Myanmar for which no VoAs were issued in January 2011.

(ii) The number of VoAs issued under the scheme, during January 2012 for the nationals of eleven countries were New Zealand (360), Japan (263), Indonesia (220), Philippines (206), Singapore (173), Finland (95), Vietnam (13), Myanmar (12), Luxemburg (11), Cambodia (5) and Laos (1).

(iii) During the month of January 2012, the maximum number of VoAs were issued at Delhi airport (737), followed by Mumbai (339), Chennai (183) and Kolkata (100).
