

## Progress of "Tourist Visa on Arrival" (VoA) Scheme : January - December, 2010

As a facilitative measure to attract more foreign tourists to India, Government has 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.

1. During the period January - December 2010, a total number of 6549 VoAs were issued under this Scheme.
2. The number of visas issued under this scheme, during January-December 2010 for nationals of the five countries were Singapore (1814), New Zealand (1944), Japan (1457), Finland (1263) and Luxembourg (71).
3. Total number of VoAs issued during December, 2010 were 905 with country-wise breakup as Finland (140), Japan (216), New Zealand (340), Singapore (191) and Luxemburg (18).
4. During the year 2010 (January-December), the maximum number of VoAs were issued at Delhi airport (3493), followed by Mumbai (1511), Chennai (1211) and Kolkata (334).

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