

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

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

- (i) During the month of September 2012, a total number of 1404 VoAs were issued under this Scheme as compared to 991 VoAs during the month of September 2011, registering a growth of 41.7%.
- (ii) During the period January-September 2012, a total number of 10816 VoAs were issued as compared to 8505 VoAs during corresponding period of 2011, registering a growth of 27.2%.
- (iii) The number of VOAs issued under this scheme during September 2012 for nationals of the eleven countries were Japan (541), New Zealand (256), The Philippines (236), Indonesia (175), Singapore (135), Finland (29),), Myanmar (11), Vietnam (9), Cambodia (6), Luxembourg (4) and Laos (2).
- (iv) The number of VoAs issued under this scheme, during January-September 2012 were Japan (3106), New Zealand (2045), Indonesia (1689), The Philippines (1678), Singapore (1313), Finland (647), Vietnam (126), Myanmar (73), Cambodia (68), Luxembourg (62) and Laos (9).
- (v) During the period January-September 2012, the highest number of VoAs were issued at Delhi airport (6380), followed by Mumbai (2247), Chennai (1528) and Kolkata (661).
