

## **Growth of 12.6% in tourist availing of “Tourist Visa on Arrival”**

### **(VoA) Scheme : January, 2014**

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. The following are the important highlights of VoAs issued during January, 2014.

- (i) During the month of January 2014, a total of 1,903 VoAs were issued under this Scheme as compared to 1,690 VoAs during the month of January 2013, registering a growth of 12.6%.
- (ii) The number of VoAs issued under this scheme during January 2014 for nationals of the eleven countries were New Zealand (465), Japan (427), the Philippines (290), Singapore (273), Indonesia (257), Finland (124), Cambodia (20), Myanmar (20), Vietnam (15), Luxembourg (12) and Laos (0).
- (iii) During January 2014, the highest number of VoAs were issued at New Delhi airport (783) followed by Mumbai (440), Chennai (282), Kolkata (126), Bangalore (116), Kochi (68), Hyderabad (62) and Trivandrum (26).

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