

62.7 Percent Growth in “Tourist Visa on Arrival” (VoA) Scheme : November, 2014

Government of India has launched Tourist Visa on Arrival (TVoA) enabled by Electronic Travel Authorization on 27th November 2014 for 43 countries. Prior to it, the normal TVoA scheme used to operate for 12 countries. The following are the important highlights of VoAs issued during November, 2014.

- (i) During the month of November 2014, a total of 2,968 VoAs were issued under this Scheme as compared to 1,824 VoAs during the month of November 2013, registering a growth of 62.7%.
- (ii) During January- November 2014, a total number of 24,963 VoAs were issued as compared to 17,594 VoAs during corresponding period of 2013 registering a growth of 41.9%.
- (iii) The number of VoAs issued under this scheme during November 2014 for nationals of the twelve countries were South Korea (837), Singapore (467), New Zealand (427), the Philippines (350), Indonesia (326), Japan (310), Finland (125), Myanmar (64), Vietnam (22), Cambodia (20), Luxembourg (18) and Laos (2) .
- (iv) The number of VoAs issued under the Scheme, during January-November 2014 were South Korea (5,080), Japan (4,683), New Zealand (3,690), Singapore (3,494), the Philippines (3,346), Indonesia (2,776), Finland (990), Myanmar (391), Vietnam (238), Cambodia (129), Luxembourg (126) and Laos (20).
- (v) During January- November 2014, the highest number of VoAs were issued at New Delhi airport (11,579) followed by Mumbai (4,897), Chennai (3,512), Bangalore (1,698), Kolkata (1,600), Kochi (839), Hyderabad (600) and Trivandrum (238).
