

Progress of "Tourist Visa on Arrival" (VoA) Scheme : September, 2011

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, Vietnam, Philippines, Laos and Myanmar from January 2011. Following are the important highlights of VoAs issued during September, 2011.

- (i) During the month of September 2011, a total number of 991 VoAs were issued under this Scheme. The number of VoAs issued during the month of August 2011 were 920.
- (ii) During the period January-September 2011, a total number of 8505 VoAs were issued.
- (iii) The number of VoAs issued under this scheme, during September 2011 were Japan (236), Indonesia (204), New Zealand (189), Singapore (150), Philippines (120), Finland (55), Cambodia (17), Vietnam (9), Luxemburg (6) and Myanmar (5).
- (iv) The number of VoAs issued under this scheme during January-September 2011 were New Zealand (1676), Japan (1675), Indonesia (1420), Philippines (1390), Singapore (1308), Finland (752), Cambodia (96), Vietnam (85), Myanmar (51), Luxemburg (49) and Laos (3).
- (v) During the period January-September 2011, the maximum number of VoAs were issued at Delhi airport (4846), followed by Mumbai (1834), Chennai (1408) and Kolkata (417).
