

### **Progress of “Tourist Visa on Arrival” (VoA) Scheme : April, 2013**

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 April, 2013.

- (i) During the month of April 2013, a total number of 1,408 VoAs were issued under this Scheme as compared to 1,140 VoAs during the month of April 2012, registering a growth of 23.5%.
- (ii) During the period January to April 2013, a total number of 7,152 VoAs were issued as compared to 5,045 VoAs during corresponding period of 2012 registering a growth of 41.8%.
- (iii) The number of VoAs issued under this scheme during April 2013 for nationals of the eleven countries were Japan (387), New Zealand (306), the Philippines (248), Indonesia (198), Singapore (152), Finland (74), Vietnam (15), Myanmar (12), Cambodia (12), Luxembourg (3) and Laos (1).
- (iv) The number of VoAs issued under the Scheme during January to April 2013 were Japan (2,638), New Zealand (1,291), Indonesia (937), the Philippines (879), Singapore (723), Finland (460), Vietnam (68), Luxembourg (64), Cambodia (54), Myanmar (34) and Laos (4).
- (v) During the period January to April 2013, the highest number of VoAs were issued at Delhi airport (4,193) followed by Mumbai (1,558), Chennai (956) and Kolkata (445).

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