

Progress of “Tourist Visa on Arrival” (VoA) Scheme : January, 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 four more countries, namely Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines and Laos, from January 2011. Following are the important highlights of VoAs issued during January, 2011.

- (i) During the month of January 2011, a total number of 790 VoAs were issued under this Scheme.

- (ii) The number of visas issued under this scheme, during January 2011 for nationals of the eight out of nine countries were New Zealand (242), Finland (156), Japan (155), Singapore (125), Philippines (98), Luxembourg (6), Cambodia (4), and Vietnam (4).

- (iii) During the month of January 2011, the maximum number of VoAs were issued at Delhi airport (406), followed by Mumbai (214), Chennai (137) and Kolkata (33).
