

Progress of “Tourist Visa on Arrival” (VoA) Scheme : March, 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 March, 2013.

- (i) During the month of March 2013, a total number of 2,107 VoAs were issued under this Scheme as compared to 1,287 VoAs during the month of March 2012, registering a growth of 63.7%.
- (ii) During the period January to March 2013, a total number of 5,744 VoAs were issued as compared to 3,905 VoAs during corresponding period of 2012 registering a positive growth of 47.1%.
- (iii) The number of VoAs issued under this scheme during March 2013 for nationals of the eleven countries were Japan (848), New Zealand (332), Indonesia (312), the Philippines (225), Singapore (214), Finland (109), Luxembourg (32), Vietnam (20), Myanmar (8), Cambodia (7) and Laos (0).
- (iv) The number of VoAs issued under the Scheme January to March 2013 were Japan (2251), New Zealand (985), Indonesia (739), the Philippines (631), Singapore (571), Finland (386), Luxembourg (61), Vietnam (53), Cambodia (42), Myanmar (22) and Laos (3).
- (v) During the period January to March 2013, the highest number of VoAs were issued at Delhi airport (3371) followed by Mumbai (1239), Chennai (778) and Kolkata (356).
