

Progress of Tourist Visa on Arrival (VoA) Scheme

The facilitation measure of issuing Visa On Arrival (VoA) to attract more foreign tourist to India, launched in January 2010 for the citizens of 5 countries, viz., Finland, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand and Singapore visiting India for tourism purposes, was further extended to the citizens of 6 more countries, namely, Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam, The Philippines, Laos and Myanmar in January 2011. The following are the salient highlights of the VoAs issued during May 2013.

- (i) During the month of May 2013, a total number of 1,114 VoAs were issued under this Scheme as compared to 812 VoAs during the month of May 2012, registering a growth of 37.2%.
- (ii) During the period January to May 2013, a total number of 8,266 VoAs were issued as compared to 5,857 VoAs during the corresponding period of 2012 registering a growth of 41.1%.
- (iii) The number of VoAs issued under this scheme during May 2013 for nationals of the eleven countries were Japan (372), New Zealand (195), the Philippines (181), Singapore (139), Indonesia (136), Finland (55), Vietnam (14), Cambodia (9), Myanmar (8), Luxembourg (4) and Laos (1).
- (iv) The number of VoAs issued under the Scheme during January to May 2013 were Japan (3,010), New Zealand (1,486), Indonesia (1,073), the Philippines (1,060), Singapore (862), Finland (515), Vietnam (82), Luxembourg (68), Cambodia (63), Myanmar (42) and Laos (5).
- (v) During the period January to May 2013, the highest number of VoAs were issued at Delhi airport (4,808) followed by Mumbai (1,743), Chennai (1,157) and Kolkata (558).
