

Progress of "Tourist Visa on Arrival" (VoA) Scheme : October, 2012

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. Following are the important highlights of VoAs issued during October, 2012.

- (i) During the month of October 2012, a total number of 1457 VoAs were issued under this Scheme as compared to 1234 VoAs during the month of October 2011, registering a growth of 18.1%.
- (ii) During the period January-October 2012, a total number of 12273 VoAs were issued as compared to 9739 VoAs during corresponding period of 2011, registering a growth of 26.0%.
- (iii) The number of VoAs issued under this scheme during October 2012 for nationals of the eleven countries were Japan (372), New Zealand (301), The Philippines (270), Indonesia (198), Singapore (198), Finland (77), Luxembourg (16), Vietnam (16), Cambodia (6), Myanmar (3) and Laos (0).
- (iv) The number of VoAs issued under this scheme, during January-October 2012 were Japan (3478), New Zealand (2346), The Philippines (1948), Indonesia (1887), Singapore (1511), Finland (724), Vietnam (142), Luxembourg (78), Myanmar (76), Cambodia (74) and Laos (0).
- (v) During the period January-October 2012, the highest number of VoAs were issued at Delhi airport (7264), followed by Mumbai (2553), Chennai (1726) and Kolkata (730).
