

Growth of 1.7% in tourist availing of “Tourist Visa on Arrival”

(VoA) Scheme : February, 2014

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 February, 2014.

- (i) During the month of February 2014, a total of 1,980 VoAs were issued under this Scheme as compared to 1,947 VoAs during the month of February 2013, registering a growth of 1.7%.
- (ii) During January-February 2014, a total number of 3,883 VoAs were issued as compared to 3,637 VoA during corresponding period of 2013 registering a growth of 6.8%.
- (iii) The number of VoAs issued under this scheme during February 2014 for nationals of the eleven countries were Japan (539), New Zealand (389), Indonesia (299), the Philippines (283), Singapore (258), Finland (127), Myanmar (30), Vietnam (24), Luxembourg (18), Cambodia (10), and Laos (3).
- (iv) The number of VoAs issued under the Scheme, during January-February 2014 were Japan (966), New Zealand (854), the Philippines (573), Indonesia (556), Singapore (531), Finland (251), Myanmar (50), Vietnam (39), Cambodia (30), Luxembourg (30) and Laos (3).
- (v) During January-February 2014, the highest number of VoAs were issued at New Delhi airport (1697) followed by Mumbai (868), Chennai (487), Bangalore (280), Kolkata (268), Kochi (126), Hyderabad (115) and Trivandrum (42).
