## <u>Progress of "Tourist Visa on Arrival" (VoA) Scheme : January – August, 2010</u>

As a facilitative measure to attract more foreign tourists to India, Government has 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.

- 1. During the period January August 2010, a total number of 4022 VoAs were issued under this Scheme.
- 2. The number of visas issued under this scheme, during January-August 2010 for nationals of the five countries were Singapore (1312), New Zealand (969), Finland (886), Japan (814) and Luxembourg (41).
- 3. Total number of VoAs issued during August, 2010 were 506 with country-wise breakup as Finland (39), Japan (189), New Zealand (113), Singapore (148) and Luxemburg (17).
- 4. During the eight month period of January-August, 2010, the maximum number of VoAs were issued at Delhi airport (2127), followed by Mumbai (854), Chennai (833) and Kolkata (208).

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