

### **e- Tourist Visa during November, 2016**

The facility of e-Tourist Visa has been made available by the Government of India to the citizens of 155 countries, arriving at 16 International Airports in India. The number of e-Tourist Visa availed by foreign tourists visiting India during the month of November, 2016 has registered a substantial growth rate over the corresponding month of 2015. The salient highlights of e-Tourist Visa for and upto the month of November, 2016 are as follows:

- (i) During the month of November, 2016 a total of 1,36,876 foreign tourists arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 83,501 during the month of November, 2015 registering a growth of 63.9%.
- (ii) During January- November 2016, a total of 9,17,446 tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 3,41,683 during January-November 2015, registering a growth of 168.5% .
- (iii) This high growth may be attributed to introduction of e-Tourist Visa for 155 countries as against the earlier coverage of 113 countries.
- (iv) The percentage shares of top 10 source countries availing e-Tourist Visa facilities during November, 2016 were as follows:

UK (22.3%), USA (12.9%), Russian Fed (8.7%), France (6.3%), China (6.1%), Germany (4.6%), Australia (4.1%), Canada (3.6%), Netherlands (1.8%) and Ukraine (1.8%) .

- (v) The percentage shares of top 10 ports in tourist arrivals on e-Tourist Visa during November, 2016 were as follows:

New Delhi Airport (44.99%), Mumbai Airport (18.53%), Dabolim (Goa) Airport (14.19%), Chennai Airport (5.26%), Bengaluru Airport (5.23%), Kochi Airport (2.99%), Kolkata Airport (2.32%), Hyderabad Airport (1.94%), Trivandrum Airport (1.32%) and Amritsar Airport (1.11%).

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