

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

The facility of e-Tourist Visa has been made available by the Government of India to the citizens of 150 countries, arriving at 16 International Airports in India. The number of e-Tourist Visa availed by foreign tourists visiting India during the month of October, 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 October during 2016 are as follows:

- (i) During the month of October, 2016 a total of 1,05,268 foreign tourists arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 56,477 during the month of October, 2015 registering a growth of 86.4%.
- (ii) During January- October 2016, a total of 7,80,570 tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 2,58,182 during January-October 2015, registering a growth of 202.3% .
- (iii) This high growth may be attributed to introduction of e-Tourist Visa for 150 countries as against the earlier coverage of 113 countries.
- (iv) The percentage shares of top 10 source countries availing e-Tourist Visa facilities during October, 2016 were as follows:

UK (22.9%), USA (12.1%), France (6.6%), China (5.8%), Russian Fed (5.6%), Germany (5.5%), Australia (4.5%), Canada (3.6%), Spain (2.3%) and Netherlands (2.1%) .

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

New Delhi Airport (51.67%), Mumbai Airport (18.65%), Dabolim (Goa) Airport (6.20%), Bengaluru Airport (5.18%), Chennai Airport (4.97%), Kochi Airport (3.15%), Amritsar Airport (2.42%) Hyderabad Airport (2.18%), Kolkata Airport (2.08%) and Trivandrum Airport (1.28%).

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