

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-238
TO BE ANSWERED ON-8/12/2022

DELAY IN ISSUE OF VISA

238. SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to reports, the US visa to Indian Visitors are delayed by atleast 900 days, and same with UK, whether there are any bilateral talks happening to ease this process;
- (b) if so, the measures taken by Government to make it easier for citizens to travel in case of emergency or un-avoidable situations; and
- (c) if so, whether Government has analysed the impact on the tourism sectors, if so, the details of estimated losses, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of External Affairs is aware of the challenges being faced by Indian travelers in the last two years for obtaining visas for US, UK, and some other nations particularly in wake of the COVID 19 pandemic.

The Government of India has taken up with the concerned Governments the easing of visa issual for all categories of Indian travellers.

(c) There is no connection between issuance of visas to Indian nationals and incoming tourist arrivals in India.
