

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1193
ANSWERED ON- 01/08/2024

VISA-FREE ACCESS FOR INDIAN PASSPORT HOLDERS

1193. SHRI SAKET GOKHALE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

the steps that are being taken by Government to ensure visa-free access or visa-on-arrival for Indian citizens to a greater number of foreign countries while travelling on a personal Indian passport?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

Providing the facility of visa free entry or visa-on-arrival to foreigners is a sovereign matter of the respective State. Matters regarding providing visa free entry/Visa on arrival facility also depend on various factors including bilateral relations and principle of reciprocity.

The Government of India has been continuously making efforts to increase the number of countries that may provide visa free entry travel, visa-on-arrival facilities to Indians for ease of travelling around the world.

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