

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-392
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VISA-FREE ENTRY FOR INDIANS

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

- (a) whether many other countries have announced a Visa-free entry for Indians during the recent years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is likely to enter into any agreement with some countries in the coming years on Visa-free entry for Indians, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a to c) As per the available information, 16 countries provide visa-free entry, 40 countries provide visa-on-arrival facility and 47 countries provide e-visa facility to Indian passport holders.

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 and e-visa facilities to Indians for ease of travelling around the world.

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

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