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RAJYA SABHA
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INTERNATIONAL RANKING OF INDIAN PASSPORT

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

- (a) the current rank of Indian passport at the global level;
- (b) the details of the countries providing visa free entry to Indian passport holder;
- (c) the details of the countries providing visa-on-arrival to Indian passport holder; and
- (d) the details of the countries whose citizens have been provided visa-free entry in India?

ANSWER

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

(a) There are certain private websites/ institutions which give ranking to passports across the world, based on the parameters decided by them. However, there is no widely accepted ranking system for passports at global level that can be taken as a standard, in the absence of acceptable criteria to rank passports.

(b & c) As per the available information, 26 countries provide visa-free entry and 40 countries provide visa-on-arrival facility to Indian passport holders. Details of the same are updated from time to time by this Ministry on its website, which can be accessed on the following link: <https://www.mea.gov.in/VFFIN.htm>

(d) India provides Visa-free entry to citizens of Nepal, Bhutan and Maldives. (In case of Maldives, their citizens intending to visit India for tourism/medical/business purpose are exempted from the requirement of prior visa if their period of stay in India is less than 90 days in preceding six months.)
