

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1498  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2019**

**VISA FREE ACCESS**

**1498. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:  
SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of countries providing visa free access to Indian citizens;
- (b) the total number of countries offering visa on arrival access to Indian citizens;
- (c) the total number of countries to which Indian Government offers Visa free access for its citizens;
- (d) Whether the Government has made any provision to offer rebate for any country in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]**

- (a) As on date, 16 countries provide visa-free access to Indian citizens (list of countries at ***Annexure-I***).
- (b) As on date, 38 countries provide visa-on-arrival access to Indian citizens (list of countries at ***Annexure-II***).
- (c) Citizens of 3 countries (***Nepal, Bhutan and Maldives***) are granted visa-free access and citizens of 3 countries (***Japan, South Korea and UAE***) are granted visa-on-arrival by the Government of India.
- (d) & (e) Government of India has been progressively liberalizing its visa policy with the objective of promoting tourism and investments into India from other countries. Keeping in mind the same objective, India has extended e-Visa scheme to 169 foreign countries/ territories till date. These initiatives are expected to encourage other countries to reciprocate and facilitate travel of Indian citizens to their countries.

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**Annexure-I****FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHICH PROVIDE VISA-FREE ACCESS TO INDIAN CITIZENS**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Country</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1	Barbados	Visa-free stay from 30 to 90 days
2	Bhutan	Visa Free regime exists between Bhutan and India. Indian ordinary passport holders are granted a minimum of 7-days entry permit to visit Bhutan by road / air.
3	Dominica	Visa-free stay up to six months for tourism and business
4	Grenada	Visa-free stay up to three months
5	Haiti	Visa-free facility available
6	Hong Kong	Visa-free stay up to 14 days in Hong Kong strictly subject to successfully completing Hong Kong Government mandatory Pre arrival Registration (PAR) online. However an Indian National is required to apply an appropriate visa from Hong Kong Immigration Department if he/she is unsuccessful in completing the Hong Kong Government Mandatory PAR or intends to visit Hong Kong for a purpose other than visit, such as employment, study or taking up residence.
7	Maldives	Visa-free stay for a maximum of 90 days
8	Mauritius	There is no visa requirement for Indian ordinary passport holders visiting Mauritius for any purpose. Passport & Immigration Office (PIO), Govt. of Mauritius, stamps visa of different types on arrival to segregate Indian visitors under various categories and maintain record. Tourist visa on arrival: A 60 days extendable visit visa is initially granted at immigration counter on arrival. Visit visa may be granted for a maximum period of 6 months in a calendar year on case to case basis subject to Immigration requirements. Business visa for a maximum of 120 days in a calendar year provided the maximum stay does not exceed 90 days during each trip. Medical visa for a maximum period of 6 months, extendable to complete the treatment provided request is made to PIO prior to expiry of the current visa.
9	Montserrat	Visa-free stay for tourism and business purposes for a period of three months
10	Nepal	Visa-free stay for Indian Nationals
11	Niue Island	Visa-free stay up to 30 days
12	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	Visa-free stay up to 30 days
13	Samoa	Visa-free stay up to 90 days
14	Senegal	Visa-free stay up to 90 days
15	Serbia	Visa-free stay up to 30 days within a period of one year
16	Trinidad & Tobago	Visa-free stay up to three months for tourism and business purposes

**Annexure-II****FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHICH PROVIDE VISA-ON-ARRIVAL ACCESS TO INDIAN CITIZENS**

<b>SL. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Country</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1	Angola	Visa-on-arrival is granted for one month with prior submission of papers
2	Armenia	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 21 days or 120 days, single entry
3	Bolivia	Visa-on-arrival is granted for a maximum 60 days period
4	Cabo Verde	Visa-on-arrival facility available

5	Cambodia	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 30 days
6	Cameroon Union Republic	Cameroon allows pre-approved visa-on-arrival
7	Cook Islands	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 1 month
8	Ethiopia	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 1 month
9	Fiji	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 4 months
10	Guinea Bissau	Visa-on-arrival is granted
11	Indonesia	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 30 days on gratis-basis and for 60 days on a fee of US\$ 35/-
12	Iran	Visa-on-Arrival facility available. However Indian applicants have to apply online & obtain 'Submission Notice' before departure & Visa fee is paid at Iranian airport.
13	Jamaica	Visa-on-arrival facility is granted for 90 days
14	Jordan	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 30 days
15	Kenya	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 3 months which can further be extended by another 3 months
16	Kiribati	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 2 months
17	Laos	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 30 days
18	Madagascar	Visa-on-arrival is granted for a period of 3 months (maximum) for tourism. If visa is granted for one-month on arrival it can be extended for another 2 months and if visa is granted for 2 months on arrival it can be extended for another one month by the Ministry of Interior, Republic of Madagascar.
19	Mauritania	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 90 days only at Nouakchott International Airport.
20	Myanmar	Visa-on-arrival is granted. Tourist Visa for 30 days at a fee of USD 50, Business Visa for 70 days at a fee of USD 50, Workshop/Seminar/Meeting/Research Visa for 28 days at a fee of USD 40, Transit Visa for 24 hours at a fee of USD 20, Crew Visa for 28 days at a fee of USD 40
21	Nigeria	Nigeria allows pre-approved visa-on-arrival
22	Qatar	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 30 days for tourism subject to certain conditions, which are as follows: i) the traveler must have passport validity of six months, ii) a return ticket, iii) hotel reservation confirmation, and iv) a valid debit/credit card in his/her name.
23	Republic of Marshall Islands	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 90 days
24	Reunion Island	Visa-on-arrival facility is granted for a maximum duration of 14 days for the purpose of tourism. The hotel bookings have to be made through travel agents notified by the French authorities. The travel agents issue a voucher which has to be produced to the immigration authorities on arrival at Reunion Island.
25	Rwanda	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 1 month
26	Saint Lucia	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 6 weeks
27	Seychelles	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 90 days with single entry.
28	Somalia	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 1 month
29	Sri Lanka	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 30 days which can be extended up to 180 days in case of Tourist Visa.
30	Suriname	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 90 days on Tourist card
31	Tajikistan	Visa-on-arrival facility available. Visa to be applied online and approved well in advance prior to the actual date of travel, with support letter either from the EOI, Dushanbe or the organization/agency sponsoring the Indian traveller. Usually such visa is given for a period of 30 Days with Single Entry. Multiple-entry visa of 90 Days

		validity is also given, only after recommendation from EOI, Dushanbe.
32	Tanzania	Visa-on-arrival is granted for maximum 3 months/single entry
33	Thailand	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 15 days
34	Tunisia	Visa-on-arrival is granted for a maximum of 3 months single entry
35	Tuvalu	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 1 month
36	Vanuatu	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 1 month
37	Vietnam	Visa-on-arrival is granted for a maximum period of 3 months. To avail VOA facility, one has to submit an online visa application; pay online processing fee; receive an approval letter from Immigration Authorities in Vietnam and present the approval letter to Immigration Authorities on arrival in Vietnam.
38	Zimbabwe	Visa-on-arrival is granted for 30 days/single entry at International entry points in Zimbabwe

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