

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3714**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2020/PHALGUNA 27, 1941 (SAKA)**

**EXPANSION OF VISA ON ARRIVAL FACILITY TO PROMOTE TOURISM**

**3714. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGHBHAI CHAUHAN:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:  
SHRI CHIRAG KUMAR PASWAN:  
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has extended the 'Visa on Arrival' facility to promote tourism sector;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the number of foreign tourists has increased after expansion of 'Visa on Arrival' facility; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to enlist more countries under the said scheme to increase foreign tourism in the near future; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a) to (d): Presently nationals of Japan, South Korea & UAE have been granted the facility of visa-on-arrival (VOA). This facility can be availed by such nationals for business, tourism, conference and medical purposes.**

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**Number of VOA passengers from these countries during the period 2017 to 2019 is given below:**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Japan</b>	<b>12025</b>	<b>13053</b>	<b>13810</b>
<b>South Korea</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7735</b>	<b>28098</b>
<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>434</b>

**(e) & (f): Expansion of VOA facility is an ongoing process which is taken up after appropriate consultation with all stakeholders.**

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