

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.254  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021**

**HENLEY GLOBAL PASSPORT INDEX**

**254 SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's rank on the Henley Global Passport Index has reduced in the latest edition of the rankings;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to boost India's ranking on the Henley Global Passport Index;
- (d) the list of countries that guarantee Visa-Free access or Visa-on-arrival to visiting Indian nationals along with the status of reciprocal access; and
- (e) whether the Government is negotiating with other countries on improving the strength of the Indian Passport and if so, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a)** As per information available on the website [www.henleypassportindex.com](http://www.henleypassportindex.com), the Henley Passport Index ranks all the passports of the world according to the number of countries their holders can travel to visa free. The ranking is based on exclusive data from the International Air Transport Association and lists the countries that can be accessed visa-free, with an electronic visa [e-TA] or with a Visa-on-Arrival. As per the Henley Passport Index available on the website for Q1 2021, India is ranked at 85.

**(b), (c) & (d)** Extension of Visa free entry and Visa-on-Arrival is a unilateral decision of the receiving country. The Government has been continually making efforts to increase number of countries that may provide Visa free travel and Visa-on-Arrival facilities with an objective of further increasing the number of countries extending Visa free and Visa-on-Arrival facilities to Indian nationals and also in promoting investments and tourism into India from other countries.

There are 16 countries which provide Visa-free entry to Indian passport holders (List enclosed as Annexure-I) and 43 countries which

provide Visa-on-Arrival facility to Indian Passport holders (List enclosed as Annexure-II).

**(e)** While issuance of visa and visa related process is the sovereign and unilateral decision of the respective country, the matter regarding easier and liberalized visa policy for Indian nationals is taken up regularly in bilateral meetings/ forums with foreign countries.

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**Annexure- I to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 254**

**Foreign countries which provide Visa-free entry to Indian citizens**

S.No	Country Name
1.	Barbados
2.	Bhutan
3.	Dominica
4.	Grenada
5.	Haiti
6.	Hong Kong SAR
7.	Maldives
8.	Mauritius
9.	Montserrat
10.	Nepal
11.	Niue Island
12.	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
13.	Samoa
14.	Senegal
15.	Serbia
16.	Trinidad & Tobago

**Annexure- II to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 254**

**Foreign countries which provide Visa-on-Arrival entry to Indian citizens**

S.No	Country Name	S.No	Country Name
1.	Angola	23.	Niue Island
2.	Bolivia	24.	Qatar
3.	Cabo Verde	25.	Republic of Marshall Islands
4.	Cambodia	26.	Reunion Island
5.	Cameroon Union Republic	27.	Rwanda
6.	Cook Islands	28.	Saint Kitts & Nevis
7.	Djibouti	29.	Saint Lucia
8.	Ethiopia	30.	Samoa
9.	Fiji	31.	Senegal
10.	Guinea Bissau	32.	Seychelles
11.	Indonesia	33.	Somalia
12.	Iran	34.	Sri Lanka
13.	Jamaica	35.	Suriname
14.	Jordan	36.	Tajikistan
15.	Kenya	37.	Tanzania
16.	Kiribati	38.	Thailand
17.	Laos	39.	Tunisia
18.	Madagascar	40.	Tuvalu
19.	Mauritania	41.	Vanuatu
20.	Mongolia	42.	Vietnam
21.	Myanmar	43.	Zimbabwe
22.	Nigeria		

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