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HENLEY PASSPORT INDEX 2025

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

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that the Indian Passport has slipped 5 spots to 85th position in the recently released Henley Passport Index 2025 from the 50th position in 2024 and down from 71st position in the year 2006;

(b) if so, the details and contributory factors thereof;

(c) whether as result of lower ranking Indian traveller can travel visa free to only 57 countries as against 195 out of 227 countries for Singapore visa holder; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures are likely to be taken to push up the said ranking of Indian Passport?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

**(a to d) There are certain private institutions, which publish such ratings based on 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. The Government of India has been continuously making efforts to increase the number of countries that may provide visa free travel, visa-on-arrival and e-Visa facilities to Indians for ease of traveling around the world. As on date, 26 countries provide visa-free entry, 40 countries provide visa-on-arrival facility and 58 countries provide e-Visa 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>**

However, formulation of policies w.r.t issuance of visas is a sovereign matter of the respective country and the matter regarding providing visa free entry/visa-on-arrival facility also depends on various factors including bilateral relations and principle of reciprocity.
