

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2991
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2016**

JAPANESE VISA FACILITY TO INDIANS

2991. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Japan has offered multiple entry visa for short-term travellers from India by which an Indian citizen can extend one's stay from 15 to 30 days and visas are valid for 5 years instead of three years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the manner in which such visa facilities are likely to be beneficial to Indian tourists/ business community?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]**

(a) to (c) Yes. As announced during the visit of Prime Minister of Japan to India in December 2015, Japanese government now issues temporary visitor visas valid up to 5 years to Indian nationals with multiple entry facility and stay up to 30 days on each entry. Simplification of visa procedure is expected to increase people-to-people exchanges, enhance tourism and improve business relations between the two countries
