

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1526**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH July, 2016/ SHRAVANA 4, 1938 (SAKA)

E-VISA FACILITIES

1526. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of E-visa facility provided by the Government to citizens of various countries along with the names of such countries;

(b) the safety measures taken in the interest of national security;

(c) whether inflow of tourists has increased after providing e-visa facility on arrival; and

(d) if so, the increase registered therein?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)**

(a): The Government of India has launched e-Tourist Visa facility on 27.11.2014 with a view to facilitating foreign tourists visiting India.

The scheme has since been extended to 150 countries. The names of such countries are attached as Annexure-I.

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(b): The concerned Security Agencies are taking due care while issuing e-visa. There is provision of online registration and profiling of Tourists. At the arrival Port, biometrics of Tourists are also being captured.

(c&d): Since the launch of the scheme, approximately 10,65000 e-Visas have been issued under this scheme. The scheme has since been extended to 150 countries progressively. There has been increase of tourists coming on e-Visa. A chart showing total e-visa issued during the first six month of year 2015 & 2016 is given below :-

Period		Nos. Countries extended e-TV facilities	Nos of E-visas issued
From	To		
01.01.15	30.06.15	77	1,46,038
01.01.16	30.06.16	150	4,76,310

List of countries extended e-Tourist Visa Scheme

01. Andorra	44. Ireland	88. Saint Lucia	132. Iceland
02. Anguilla	45. Israel	89. Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	133. Lesotho
03. Antigua & Barbuda	46. Jamaica	90. Samoa	134. Liberia
04. Argentina	47. Japan	91. Seychelles	135. Madagascar
05. Armenia	48. Jordan	92. Singapore	136. Malawi
06. Aruba	49. Kenya	93. Slovenia	137. Moldova
07. Australia	50. Kiribati	94. Solomon Islands	138. Namibia
08. Bahamas	51. Laos	95. Spain	139. Romania
09. Barbados	52. Latvia	96. Sri Lanka	140. San Marino
10. Belgium	53. Liechtenstein	97. Suriname	141. Senegal
11. Belize	54. Lithuania	98. Sweden	142. Serbia
12. Bolivia	55. Luxembourg	99. Taiwan	143. Slovakia
13. Brazil	56. Malta	100. Tanzania	144. South Africa
14. Cambodia	57. Malaysia	101. Thailand	145. Swaziland
15. Canada	58. Marshall Islands	102. Tonga	146. Switzerland
16. Cayman Island	59. Mauritius,	103. Turks & Caicos Island	147. Tajikistan
17. Chile	60. Mexico	104. Tuvalu	148. Trinidad & Tobago
18. China	61. Micronesia	105. UAE	149. Zambia
19. China-SAR Hongkong	62. Monaco	106. Ukraine	150. Zimbabwe
20. China- SAR Macau	63. Mongolia	107. United Kingdom	
21. Colombia	64. Montenegro	108. USA	
22. Cook Islands	65. Montserrat	109. Uruguay	
23. Costa Rica	66. Mozambique	110. Vanuatu	
24. Cuba	67. Myanmar	111. Vatican City-Holy See	
25. Djibouti	68. Nauru	112. Venezuela	
26. Dominica	69. Netherlands	113. Vietnam	
27. Dominican Republic	70. New Zealand	114. Albania	
28. East Timor	71. Nicaragua	115. Austria	
29. Ecuador	72. Niue Island	116. Bosnia & Herzegovina	
30. El Salvador	73. Norway	117. Botswana,	
31. Estonia	74. Oman	118. Brunei	
32. Fiji	75. Palau	119. Bulgaria	
33. Finland	76. Palestine	120. Cape Verde	
34. France	77. Panama	121. Comoros	
35. Georgia	78. Papua New Guinea	122. Cote d'Ivoire	
36. Germany	79. Paraguay	123. Croatia	
37. Grenada	80. Peru	124. Czech Republic	
38. Guatemala	81. Philippines	125. Denmark	
39. Guyana	82. Poland	126. Eritrea	
40. Haiti	83. Portugal	127. Gabon	
41. Honduras	84. Republic of Korea	128. Gambia	
42. Hungary	85. Republic of Macedonia	129. Ghana	
43. Indonesia	86. Russia	130. Greece	
	87. Saint Christopher and Nevis	131. Guinea	