

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†195  
ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016**

**SIM CARDS TO E-VISA BEARERS**

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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide SIM cards to tourists coming from overseas on e-tourist visa;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the facilities and information provided through such SIM cards to the foreign tourists; and**
- (d) whether the number of foreign tourists visiting the country is likely to increase by making available SIM cards to these tourists?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

**(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Tourism proposes to present foreign tourists arriving in India using e-Tourist Visa, a Welcome Kit containing inter alia a SIM Card for their communication in India.**

**Provision of Welcome Kit/SIM Card is a tourist friendly gesture intended to facilitate the foreign tourists.**

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