

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2628**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST, 2016/SHRAVANA 11, 1938, (SAKA)**

**e-VISA FACILITY**

**2628. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:  
SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) the salient features of the e-Tourist visa facility provided by the Government to boost Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India;**

**(b) whether the Government intends to extend the e-Tourist visa window to 180 days instead of the current 30 days;**

**(c) if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) whether the Government is also considering to allow multiple entry on the said visa instead of the existing single-entry as well as to extend the maximum stay up to 90 days from the existing 30 days;**

**(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**

**(f) whether the countries to which 'visa-on-arrival' facility has been extended have reciprocated the same to Indian tourists and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) e-Tourist visa is presently available of the nationals of 150 countries at 16 designated international airports in India. E-Tourist visa can be granted for a period at 30 days with single entry. Further, e-tourist Visa can be availed only twice in a calendar year. On e-tourist visa, foreign**

**nationals are permitted recreation, sightseeing, casual visit to meet friends or relatives, attending a short term yoga programme, short duration medical treatment including treatment under Indian systems of medicine or casual business visit etc.**

**(b) to (e): The proposal is under consideration.**

**(f): E-Tourist visa and visa on arrival facilities have been introduced by the Government of India as a unilateral measure with the objective of promoting tourism in India. However, many foreign countries have extended e-visa and visa-on-arrival facilities to Indian nationals. Some countries have exempted Indian passport holders from the requirement of visa.**

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