

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 18.11.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**VISA FREE ACCESS TO INDIANS .**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that out of 193 nations Indians have visa-free access to only 50;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether Government had undertaken any steps to identify the reasons for the restrictions on Indians to enter into other countries; and
- (d) whether Government had taken up this issue with the respective Governments?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (d) Indians holding diplomatic or official passports have visa free access to 51 countries as per the list attached. However, Bhutan, Guatemala, Maldives, Nepal, St. Kitts & Nevis, Seychelles and Uzbekistan permit visa free entry to holders of Indian passports of any kind. Visa free entry to any sovereign country is a bilateral process. Such bilateral talks, if concluded successfully, lead to the signing of agreements that allow visa free access between the two countries.