

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1098

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2015/VAISAKHA 16, 1937 (SAKA)

E-TOURIST VISA

1098. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the nomenclature of the 'Tourist Visa on Arrival' has recently been changed to 'e-Tourist Visa',
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the airports in the country that have been enabled with this facility?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): Yes Sir. Since the introduction of the scheme we have received several complaints from Indian Missions abroad and Visa applicants that the name of the scheme predicts as if Visa is given on arrival, as was done in old scheme which is creating confusion. Also Hon'ble Members of Parliamentary Consultative Committee have raised this issue during the recent meeting and Hon'ble Chairman assured that this issue will be addressed suitably.

To avoid any further confusion/misconception, the name of the scheme has been changed from Tourist Visa-on Arrival to e-Tourist Visa Scheme w.e.f 15.04.2015.

(c) : Presently the facility of e-Tourist Visa Scheme is available at 9 airports viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi and Goa..

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