

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1913

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 2016/ SRAVANA 12, 1938 (SAKA)

FACILITY OF PAPERLESS IMMIGRATION

1913. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has successfully introduced the facility of paperless immigration to individuals holding official and diplomatic passports, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government plans to extend the facility of paperless immigration to all travellers, if so, the details thereof and time-line for implementation, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government plans to introduce e-gate facility at airports, if so, the details thereof and time-line and costs for the same, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per bilateral agreements with 70 countries there is exemption from requirement of visa for a prescribed duration for holders of Diplomatic and Official passports.

Diplomats/officials passport holders of other countries can apply for visa through online visa application system.

- (b) There is no such proposal. However, Government of India has extended e-TV facility to 150 countries to visit India for short duration of 30 days, which involves online application and grant of travel authorization through e-mail. Other than e-TV category, travellers need to apply online and get the visa from Indian Missions.
- (c) Visa reforms are a continuous process involving appropriate consultation with stake holders and security agencies.